

Kent County Council

Job Description:

Director – Learning Disability and Mental Health

Date: November 2013

Directorate: Social Care and Public Health

Division: Learning Disability and Mental Health

Grade: KR17

Responsible to: Corporate Director – Social Care and Public Health

Job Purpose

Deliver the strategic commissioning for Kent Adult Social Services supporting vulnerable adults with learning disabilities and adults with mental health issues: ensuring that services (including in-house provision) are procured and delivered within budget and to council and national policies and frameworks.

Accountabilities

Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities for Senior Officers. In addition, as members of Extended Corporate Management Team, Directors and Corporate Directors will work together to make strategic decisions on the most effective use of the Council's agreed budget, resources and policies and enhance the reputation of Kent as a place as well as Kent County Council as the democratic agent of change in the region.

Lead the implementation, and inform the development and content of the modernisation strategy for Adult Social Services, working in partnership with other Directors, Public Health, relevant partners and agencies ensuring that future commissioning frameworks and in-house provision meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and mental health issues, and the organisation.

Ensure that adult safeguarding is a priority and ensure safeguarding frameworks and protocols are adhered to throughout the division in order to protect adults.

Lead the development of key relationships with partner agencies including Kent Community Health Trust in order to influence the direction and content of their service development and initiatives in order that the delivery of adult social services becomes an integral part of, enhances or complements them and that the accountability for the impact on budgets and the way services are accessed and received is firmly established.

Act as the strategic interface with the Kent & Medway Partnership Trust for the delivery of mental health services ensuring that Kent County Council's interests are being served and to help ensure that the responsibilities for mental health under the statutory role of Director of Adult Social Services are met.

Lead and support the strategic delivery of the transformation of Adult Social Care to ensure that the personalisation of social care services for adults is achieved.

Create and lead a team to help develop the Kent GP community to generate service designs, initiatives and options to support their new business requirements following on from national policy and legislation.

Lead and manage the Operational Support Unit to ensure adequate provision of specific business support services to the directorate.

Actively review all services provided by this post to identify the 'right source' for their future delivery including consideration of outsourcing, co-sourcing or in-sourcing to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery methods are employed.

This job description sets out the accountabilities specific to the role. These should be read in conjunction with the Corporate Responsibilities that apply to the Corporate Director and Director roles.

Services

Statutory Mental Health Service through partnership with the Kent & Medway Partnership Trust

Learning Disability Service Kent Community Health NHS Trust

Assessment and related activities

Learning Disability - In-house Provision

Mental Health - In-house Provision

Adult Protection

Operational Support Unit