

## **Corporate Parenting Select Committee**

**Paul Brightwell, Head of Quality Assurance, Specialist Children's Services,  
Kent County Council**

### **Biography**

My name is Paul Brightwell and my substantive post within KCC is Head of Quality Assurance, Children's Safeguarding Unit, Specialist Children's Services. I am currently on a secondment as the Service Manager for Canterbury / Swale Children and Young People's Service within East Kent Area Specialist Children's Service. This is an operational position which I have taken in order to refresh my experience in front line practice and assist with the work being undertaken for SCS's next Ofsted Inspection. I have been professionally qualified in Social Work since June 1992.

Since 1998 I have specialised in practice and policy with looked after children and care leavers. I have had a lead role in helping to develop KCC's understanding of Corporate Parenting and how this should be put into the practice and behaviours of KCC Officers and elected Members of the County Council.

My professional qualifications are: BSc(honours) Psychology (2i); Certificate of Qualification in Social Work; MA (Social Work); Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Social Work (children and Families) (Distinction). More recently I have been doing research for a PhD on the subject of creativity in Social Work.