

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Biography

Patrick Leeson

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Patrick Leeson is Corporate Director for Education and Young People's Services, for Kent County Council. Previously he worked as Director, Education and Care for Ofsted, where he was responsible for policy and development for inspection of schools, early years education and childcare, children's centres, initial teacher education and the annual assessments of local authority children's services.

Until September 2009 he was Director of Children's Services for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. This post included responsibility for all aspects of children's services, social services for children and their families, education services, including early years education and childcare, schools, adult education, youth services and libraries as well as all the arts, cultural and sports services provided by the council.

Patrick has worked as a teacher, headteacher, inspector and local authority head of school improvement in a shire county and in several London boroughs. Patrick is a recent past Chair of the Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS) and has also been an active member of the national council for the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). He has also been a member of the advisory groups for reviews of the Teacher Standards and the National Curriculum, and was on the steering group for the Tickell Review of the Early Years Foundation Stage.