

Kent County Council

Job Description: **Director of Adult Social Care and Health**

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Directorate:	Adult Social Care and Health
Grade:	KR17
Division	ASCH Operations
Responsible to:	Corporate Director –Adult Social Care and Health

Job Purpose

As a member of the Directorate senior leadership team, provide strong systems and strategic leadership for operational delivery and lead on commissioning requirements relating to Adult Social Care & Health, ensuring that services are procured and delivered within budget and in accordance with local, national and statutory requirements.

Use expert understanding of the changing demographic profile of adults and increasingly complex demand within a challenging financial environment to enable adults to live independently and exercise choice and control over their lives.

Challenge and influence partners and communities to achieve a whole system approach to health and social care integration including the innovative use of resources and maximising digital solutions to manage demand through the prevention, reduction and delay in the need for social care support.

Accountabilities

Directors will work within the KCC Corporate Responsibilities 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.

Contribute to the strategic direction for Adult Social Care, and direct service provision to comply with legislation, government guidance and regulations within the appropriate statutory framework.

Ensure the delivery of effective services within the legislative framework, reflecting and developing national themes to promote independence and maximise opportunities from the local health and social care economy

Manage an Adult Social Care budget in line with Government and KCC financial regulations and, with the senior leadership team, set the direction and lead the development of strategies to meet the Medium-Term plan.

Lead the development and implementation of Adult Social Care & Health integrated operating models, working with others in the senior leadership team, partners and agencies to ensure high quality, person-centered, efficient services are delivered that meet current and future needs.

Be responsible for ensuring vulnerable adults in Kent are safeguarded through robust multi-agency arrangements and that safeguarding frameworks and protocols are adhered to throughout the directorate.

As part of a strategic leadership team, work with the Strategic Commissioner to ensure the development of key commissioning strategies meet current and future demand, and influence and be a partner to Health Directors

Provide professional and strategic advice to Members on matters relating to operational delivery and service development, ensuring that they are fully briefed on all relevant issues relating to the operational business.

Provide a collaborative approach to developing innovative solutions to respond to the changing needs of the health and social care offer.

Act as a Deputy to the Corporate Director in terms of the provision of the full range of services in this area of the business. Lead, on behalf of the Corporate Director, on cross cutting projects that have a significant impact on the directorate. Act as Duty Director on the KCC rota for Systems resilience.

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.

Scope and accountability

For details of the scope and accountability of the role, please read the information on these links:

'Local Account for adult social care': <http://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/adult-social-care-policies/local-account-for-adult-social-care>

'Health and Wellbeing Strategy': <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/health-policies/joint-health-and-wellbeing-strategy>

'Being Digital Strategy': <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/adult-social-care-policies/being-digital-strategy>