



South Tyneside Council

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR CHILDREN ADULTS AND HEALTH
GRADE:	CHIEF OFFICER 1
REPORT TO:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
DATE:	AUGUST 2020

PURPOSE

A pivotal role in our most senior team, reporting to the Chief Executive and supporting Elected Members, providing strategic leadership across the Children, Adults and Health group of services.

This is a key role in delivering our overarching vision of making South Tyneside an outstanding place to live, invest and bring up families.

The postholder will be a key member of the Council's Corporate Leadership Team and will lead and shape services ensuring that resources are developed and deployed in the most effective and sustainable way.

This postholder will hold the statutory Director of Children's Services and statutory Director of Adult Social Services roles.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Take on a full and active, cross-cutting role in the leadership of the Council acting in the best interests of South Tyneside to maintain the Corporate Wellbeing of the organisation.
- Work closely with Elected Members to drive forward opportunities and developments and actively engage Elected Members in shaping excellent services.
- Lead a group of services and highly experienced leaders – setting direction, establishing priorities, building capacity, maintaining focus, and delivering value for money and continuous improvement.
- Ensure the Council is an effective Local Education and Social Services (Children and Adults) Authority, delivering against both statutory and non-statutory responsibilities.
- Lead the Children and Families Social Care Service from 'Good' to 'Outstanding', ensuring the

best support for the Borough's more vulnerable children and their families.

- Provide senior leadership and support to the Borough's family of Schools.
- Provide overall strategic leadership for the Adult Services programme, ensuring a range of high-quality services to meet the needs of South Tyneside's older person population.
- Oversee services and interventions to effectively reduce health inequalities and improve the overall health and wellbeing of the people of South Tyneside.
- Work in close partnership with local health partners to shape further health and social care integration to enable a range of people-focused outcomes for service users and their families.
- Provide strategic leadership to ensure the group's resources are appropriately managed, including leadership of the group's medium-term financial plan and planning and delivery of capital investment projects to further meet priorities.
- Ensure appropriate governance structures are in place and supported to effectively oversee and scrutinise key services, including Safeguarding Boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Nurture strong relationships with government, inspectorates, regional bodies and other local authorities, and with professional bodies, to promote the Council's interests and influence national policy.
- Support the Chief Executive and act as a substitute when required, including representing the Council and the Chief Executive at meetings, including those involving regional and national stakeholders.

FURTHER DETAIL

The Council has undergone significant change since the launch of its 20-year vision in 2010. The Council's Senior Management Team includes highly experienced, proactive and capable Heads of Service and Corporate Leads, who have broad responsibilities and autonomy, requiring minimal oversight on day-to-day operational issues. The Corporate Director Children, Adults and Health will be responsible for providing overall strategic direction to Heads of Service and Corporate Leads, as required, and will have specific direct line management responsibility for the following:-

- Director of Public Health
- Head of Adults and Integrated Care Services
- Head of Children and Families Social Care
- Head of Learning and Early Help