

Our vision for Leeds is that it will be a great place to grow up: a child friendly, compassionate and economically successful city where children feel welcome and safe, and where they have the right opportunities and support to achieve their full potential. A key part of this is listening – giving our young people a voice at the top table to tell us what it's like to grow up in Leeds.

And we're getting it right. The quality of our safeguarding work is recognised nationally and we are working as a partner in practice with a number of other local authorities.

So this role offers the chance to build on what we have achieved in Leeds and to share our experience and insight on a regional, national and international stage.

We still have all the professional challenges you would expect within a big, diverse city, so it's vital that we continue to be close to the detail, and we expect our Deputy Director to bring experience of operating in a similar setting.

You should be someone who collaborates well - working with colleagues, partners and the community to really understand what people need and enhancing our 'high support, high challenge' culture.

Leeds is an ambitious city, and if you can offer a compelling track record and the desire to build on existing good practice it will be the ideal place to influence and shape innovation: at home, in schools and further afield. Children are at the heart of our growth strategy - be a part of it.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. We promote diversity and want a workforce that reflects the population of Leeds.

A Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be carried out on preferred candidates.