

Draft Advert

Chief Officer – Social Work - Leeds

Director 70%

Leeds Childrens and Families Directorate is seeking to appoint an inspirational leader to undertake the role of Chief Officer Social Work. The post, reporting directly to the Deputy Director, Safeguarding and Targeted Services, is a key leadership role in ensuring excellence in a wide range of children's services including social work; early help and services for children with complex needs.

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. We still have professional challenges as you would expect within a big, diverse city, so it's vital that we continue to be close to detail, and we need a Chief Officer to bring experience of management and leadership in a similar setting.

You should be someone who collaborates well, working with colleagues, Elected Members, partners and the community, to really understand what people need and enhancing our culture of restorative and relational practice.

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.