

Children's Services

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Children, Young People & Families
(Frank McSheffrey)

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Looked After Children & Adoption
(Anna Stephens)

Head of Service – Family Support
Service and Child Protection
(Joel Desous)

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(Tim Browne)

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(Steve Fenton)

Head of Service – 0-25 Special
Educational Needs
(Charlotte Jones)

Head of Service – Alternative
Provision
(Bev Petch)

Head of Service – Children & Young
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Responsible for:

- The statutory role of Director of Children's Services.
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children within the Borough.
- Promoting the upbringing of such children by their families.
- Ensuring the provision of a range and level of services appropriate to the family's needs, including education.
- Undertaking the functions of the Council as Head of the Adoption Agency.



Direct Reports to Director of Children's Services

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Direct Reports to Assistant Director – Inclusion & Additional Needs

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