

Kent County Council

Job Description: Public Health Specialist

Directorate:	Adult Social Care and Health
Unit/Section:	Public Health – Sexual Health
Grade:	KR12
Responsible to:	Relevant Consultant in Public Health

Purpose of the Job:

- Responsible lead for the development and delivery of Public Health sexual health programmes and services that are safe, of high quality, cost effective, sustainable, improve the health of the population and reduce health inequalities in Kent.
- To analyse patterns of health and disease and undertake annual needs assessment to inform and shape commissioning within Public Health Sexual Health Services and across agencies.
- To support the reduction of health inequalities with a particular focus on the Lower Layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) through the opportunities afforded by the sexual health portfolio and links with other council and systems teams.
- To contribute to the implementation of the transformation of health and social care in Kent which may include holding a public health specialist lead responsibility for a designated geography for general public health initiatives and contributing to the health protection work of the wider team also.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Ensure that the objectives set in the County Council approved public health strategies and action plans for sexual health and broadly are met and prepare reports to influence discussion and strategic decision making.
- Develop, lead and manage multi-agency partnerships across the health and care economy in delivering sexual health and linked programmes and services across the three domains of public health.
- Use the application of analytical, evaluative judgements and interpretive thinking to find solutions to sexual health issues affecting the Kent population. Proactively identify viable partnership options and establish collaborative working options to find practical actions, deliver strategic input to reduce health inequalities locally.
- Provide public health advice for the sexual health portfolio of commissioned services ensuring the implementation of strategic priorities of KCC and the wider Health and social care system. Work with internal and external stakeholders to focus on required outcomes and work with the wider public health team to assure quality in all public health services.
- Undertake qualitative and quantitative analysis and modelling [including health economics] to appraise programmes being planned or implemented for sexual health and assist colleagues in the planning of evaluations for new programmes.

- Develop and motivate staff, including trainees and those on placement with the team, in accordance with KCC policies and procedures through day-to-day support and supervision in order to deliver a high-quality service.
- Develop public health capacity by raising awareness of the contribution to public health skills and knowledge in partner organisations and the local and wider public health community, including the local authority and voluntary sector; contributing to teaching, supervising and assessing those training and working in the public health system.
- Contribute to the development of service specifications and performance management indicators as required for the procurement of Public Health programmes and services in Kent. Work with internal and external stakeholders to focus on required outcomes.
- Analyse patterns of health and disease and, undertake annual needs assessment, health equity audits, service reviews and evaluations to inform and shape commissioning within Sexual Health services and across agencies and the JSNA.
- Provide timely and accurate information and produce reports to inform and influence discussion and strategic decision making. Work alongside Directors and Consultants in Public health to work with the respective Boards, partner agencies, and central government on the delivery and outcomes of Public Health programmes and services influencing the national agenda for improving sexual health practice and outcomes.
- Contribute to the national agendas working on behalf of KCC and the wider partnership arrangements, demonstrating a good understanding of the political environment and application of concepts and principles.

Footnote: This job description is provided to assist the job holder to know what his/her main duties are. It may be amended from time to time without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

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Person Specification: Public Health Specialist

The following outlines the criteria for this post. Applicants who have a disability and who meet the criteria will be short listed.

Applicants should describe in their application how they meet these criteria.

	CRITERIA
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 7 or equivalent in a relevant subject • Project or Programme management qualification or willingness to work towards this
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant and wide-ranging experience in the Public Health and commissioning services at a senior level • Experience of working within a partnership/multi-agency setting • Experience of working in a politically sensitive setting • Experience of staff management, including staff recruitment, supervision, motivation and development • Experience of conducting audit
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent verbal and written communication skills in order to communicate at all levels in the organization and with external bodies. • Well-developed skills to prepare strategic reports • Excellent negotiation, planning and commissioning skills • Demonstrate a good understanding of the political environment and application of concepts and principles. • Ability to manage, recruit, motivate and develop people. • Ability to effectively prioritise and work to tight deadlines. • Public Health Specialists will be expected to have the ability to develop their analytical and modelling skills to meet the requirements of the changing presentation and use of the JSNA. Professional development will be supported to enable and empower public health specialists to have these skills. • Ability to translate national and local policy into appropriate public health/health improvement programmes and on the design and management and implementation of these programmes locally • Excellent presentation, written and verbal communication skills and be able to produce, understand and interpret complex epidemiological and statistical information for a wide range of audiences, including NHS professionals, politicians and general public • Computer literate • Demonstrable commitment towards service user and carer involvement in the development of services. • Demonstrable commitment to equality and promoting diversity in all aspects of working.
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed working knowledge of Public Health and Health Inequalities • A clear understanding of partnership and multi-agency working.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A detailed working knowledge of performance and quality issues in Public Health • High level of understanding of epidemiology, statistics, public health practice, health promotion and health care evaluation • Analytical, evaluative judgements and interpretive thinking to find solutions gained through broad and in-depth experience. • Awareness of Data Protection and confidentiality issues. • Ability to travel to meet the requirements of the service.
<p>BEHAVIOURS AND KENT VALUES</p>	<p>Kent Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are brave. We do the right thing, we accept and offer challenge • We are curious to innovate and improve • We are compassionate, understanding and respectful to all • We are strong together by sharing knowledge • We are all responsible for the difference we make

Organisational Responsibilities

All Corporate Directors, Directors and Heads of Service have an explicit responsibility to work as part of a team to deliver, collectively, the agenda of the County Council. These are fundamental elements of their role not an addition and are summarised as follows

Whole Council

- Seek to improve the lives of all residents in Kent and the economy of Kent
- Act as corporate parent to the Council's Looked After Children
- Take an active role in promoting and ensuring the Council's responsibilities for safeguarding are met
- Understand, communicate and contribute to the delivery of KCC's strategic aims
- Meet statutory obligations and promote and ensure compliance with policies and procedures and the Council's Code of Conduct (Kent Code)
- Advise elected Members and support the democratic process
- Promote the Council brand and enhance the overall reputation of the Council
- Understand and monitor the measures of performance, including customer insight, which define successful outcomes for KCC services
- Maintain and ensure a relentless focus on the customer
- Act to support the Council-wide need to deliver services within budget, thereby avoiding an overspend that could damage the financial viability of the Council
- Overcome professional and service silos to achieve the County Council's objectives

Integration of Services

- Focus resources where they have the biggest impact
- Deliver services that are flexible and adaptable
- Integrate services within KCC and work with partner agencies to ensure a seamless customer experience
- Fully and inclusively engage all staff in the delivery of services, demonstrating the Council's leadership values and competencies

Embedding Commissioning and Engaging Relevant Markets

- Establish an outcome focused organisation
- Meet the financial regulations and standing orders of KCC
- Challenge the status quo and engage with the market to constantly improve
- Ensure all services are delivered effectively and efficiently
- Proactively and continuously seek to improve service delivery
- Proactively manage risk to avoid inertia whilst not exposing the Council to needless and avoidable challenge or loss

Managing Change

- Understand and support the Authority's overall change agenda
- Deliver required outcomes of service specific change on time and to budget
- Understand the quality of staff, support their development, nurture those with talent
- Identify the skills for the future and the level of staff through robust workforce planning
- Identify and deal with underperformance
- Deliver to agreed budget and income targets