

Kent County Council

Draft Job Description: Whole System Obesity Officer

Directorate:	Strategic and Corporate Services
Division:	Public Health
Grade:	KR9
Responsible to:	Senior Public Health Programme Manager

About us

The Public Health team commissions a wide range of services to improve the health and wellbeing of Kent residents including sexual health services, drug and alcohol services, health visiting, school nursing, mental health promotion and weight management. We are looking for a highly motivated individual to join our busy team.

Purpose of the Job:

Contribute to the development and delivery of Public 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.

Contribute to the implementation of the transformation of health and social care in Kent. To support the development and delivery of Kent's Whole System Approach to obesity and support the reduction of health inequalities, with a focus on Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale. The post holder will be working closely with a wide range of public, private, voluntary and academic sector partners from across the system in Kent who will form the Kent WSO Network, to drive wider partner action. They will be responsible for coordinating and directing partner activity, developing the network, promoting the network activities and recruiting new organisations to the support the network vision. They will also support and facilitate referral into Tier 2 weight management services.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- To keep up to date with whole system working theory and practice. This will include liaising with other local areas, so that best practice and learning can be shared between local authorities.
- Promote the Whole System approach to Obesity (WSO) programme within KCC and across partnership agencies at a local level to ensure full user and stakeholder participation.
- To ensure a suite of mapping tools developed by the Public Health team are kept up to date and accurate, which will require methodical approaches and good attention to detail to ensure a high level of data quality. This will require close collaboration with the Public Health Intelligence team and Specialists.

- Recruit new members to the Kent WSO Network, proactively identify viable partnership options, facilitate communication between partners and facilitate collaborative working options to broaden the scope of the WSO programme through best practice and information exchange and to find practical actions to reduce obesity and health inequalities in Kent. Maintain existing partnerships and coordinate and monitor stakeholder activity, as agreed with Specialists and external partners, in order to ensure that overall WSO programme objectives are met.
- Organising and coordinate a range of stakeholder subgroup meetings and events. Subgroups will vary e.g. focusing on physical activity, food and other key areas, so working closely with the relevant Consultants and Specialists within the public health team will be essential. The purpose of these meetings and events will be to agree actions and ensure all system partners are aware of planned and existing activity and can coordinate future outputs.
- The networks core working group will produce an annual systems action plan that will have input from all stakeholders and be endorsed by Kent & Medway Health and Wellbeing Board. The WSO Officer will be responsible for coordinating the development of the plan and the monitoring and reporting back on the delivery against it.
- Develop a working knowledge of relevant local services and initiatives related to the WSO programme to enable informed decision-making throughout the various stages of the programme and ensure effective briefing of Specialists and stakeholders. Additionally support with Tier 2 weight management services and facilitate referral into weight management services.
- Work alongside Specialists in Public health to work with partner agencies on the delivery and outcomes of the WSO and local services influencing the local agenda. Contribute to the local agendas working on behalf of KCC and the wider partnership arrangements, demonstrating an awareness of the political environment and application of concepts and principles.

The duties and responsibilities listed above describe the post as it is at present. The post holder is expected to accept any reasonable alterations that may from time to time be necessary without change to the level of responsibility appropriate to the grade of post.

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Person Specification: Whole System Obesity Officer

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"> • Educated to degree level or equivalent experience. • Project or Programme management qualification or willingness to work towards this.
EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience working within Public Health or a related field. • Excellent verbal and written communication skills with the ability to present complex/sensitive information in an understandable way to people at all levels. • Experience of joint working and working in multi-agency partnerships at a local level. • Experience of stakeholder engagement. • Experience of working in whole system programmes e.g. obesity. • Experience in carrying out programme evaluation.
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent communication and partner engagement skills. • Excellent ICT skills to maintain accurate databases. • Ability to use analytical skills to interpret complex information and situations. Implementing plans which take several months up to a year to formulate. Undertakes work that requires a range of imaginative solutions and responses and involves application of innovative thinking. • Excellent negotiation and planning skills. • Awareness of the political environment and how it impacts on the implementation of aspects of work. • Ability to effectively prioritise and work to tight deadlines. • Demonstrable commitment to addressing health inequalities and promoting diversity in all aspects of working.
KNOWLEDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A working knowledge of Public Health and Health Inequalities. • A clear understanding of partnership and multi-agency working. • Up to date working knowledge of national and local priorities in relation to health improvement and public health. • Awareness of Data Protection and confidentiality issues. • Ability to travel to meet the requirements of the service.
BEHAVIOURS AND KENT VALUES	<p><u>Kent Values</u></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.