

Strategic Partnership Improvement Consultant - Health

Strategic Partnership Improvement between Local Authority Children's Services and NHS Organisations

Context

Effective partnerships between Local Authority Children's Services and the National Health Service are vital in supporting improved outcomes for children and young people. The Health and Care Act 2022 has led to a substantial reorganisation of governance within the National Health Service and their relationships with partner organisations, particularly through the establishment of Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships.

London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LIIA) wishes to support Directors of Children's Services and Lead Members for Children's Services to engage with new organisations and partnerships in the most effective way.

Key areas of engagement and shared priorities are (this list is not exhaustive):

- Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- Child Mental Health
- Children's Safeguarding
- Looked After Children
- Early Help Services

An initial scoping exercise of work was undertaken in 2022-23. LIIA wishes to recruit a consultant to work on a regional basis to build upon this initial scoping work.

Expected Role and Outcomes

The consultant will work with the LIIA team and report to the Strategic Lead.

The work needs to be closely aligned with the other LIIA priorities and work programmes.

The consultant will work closely with the Lead DCS for Health in London and the chair of the Association of London Directors of Children's Services (ALDCS).

The key outcomes for this work are:

1. Mapping and understanding of partnership arrangements across Integrated Care Boards and Integrated Care Partnerships with local authority Children's Services.
2. Sharing good and emerging practice on partnership arrangements across London and using the time of senior leaders effectively.
3. Supporting the lead DCSs in their strategic engagement with new NHS organisations and ICB and Place based levels.
4. Liaison with Executive Leads for Children in each of the Integrated Care Boards and other relevant senior leads.

5. Undertaking specific pieces of work on key strategic areas as directed by Directors of Children's Services. For example, building on the outcomes of the ICB level partnership engagement events on SEND.
6. Presenting to ALDCS and ensuring that DCSs and other senior leaders have a clear understanding of emerging policy developments.
7. Ensuring that all LIIA programmes of work are informed and aligned with the new NHS and Partnership arrangements.
8. Attending relevant partnership meetings to represent the interests of London DCSs and to understand and influence the policies and programmes of key partners.

The role may develop in line with emerging developments and priorities as discussed through ALDCS.

Requirements

Experience

- Senior operational or policy development level experience within either local authority Children's Services or a National Health Service organisation.
- Experience of working with partnership bodies and development of effective governance arrangements.

Knowledge

- Understanding of the Health and Care Act 2022 and related guidance
- Understanding of local authority responsibilities regarding the health of children and young people, including in relation to public health duties
- Understanding of the needs of key populations of children and young people, including vulnerable children and those with additional needs.
- Understanding of the impact of inequalities on the health needs and outcomes of children and young people
- Understanding the statutory duties of Directors of Children's Services and Lead Members for Children

Skills

- Ability to engage with senior staff and leaders across different organisations.
- Ability to understand a wide range of different views and perspectives.
- Ability to develop strategic solutions and recommendations.
- Skills to present complex information with clarity to a range of audiences.
- Good written and IT skills

Contract

- The role requirement will be required for 2 and 4 days each month
- The position will be paid at a maximum day rate of £600 per day

Apply

- To apply for the position please send a Supporting Statement and CV to rula.tripolitaki@londoncouncils.gov.uk by **12pm on Friday 6th October**.