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The Director of Children's Services Unit supports the Director of Children Services and takes forward the Every Child Matters agenda. It works across organisations and agencies with the Children Leeds partnership, commissioning board and local partnerships to facilitate the change for children programme. It ensures accountability and that statutory requirements are met. It is a small team and is part of Leeds City Council.

Mariana Pexton

Deputy Director of Children's Services
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Mariana supports the DCS Unit in providing a strategic lead for the overall approach to change and development in children's services that seeks to improve outcomes for children and young people in the city. This means developing and driving the delivery of all that is in the Children and Young People's Plan within the context of the overall children's trust arrangements and linking to broader change in the council and the city as a whole.

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This post has key Children and Young People's Plan priority areas and responsibility for driving forward implementation of the commissioning framework.

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Children's Services Leadership Team (CSLT)

CSLT is made up of Chief Officer's from the council's children's services; including Education Leeds, Social Services, the Youth Service and Early Years, and Leeds Primary Care Trust. Its role is to ensure that the council is playing its full part in leading the Every Child Matters agenda.

Chris Edwards

Chief Executive Education Leeds



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Education Leeds is a not-for-profit company, wholly owned by Leeds City Council. Education Leeds is responsible for providing all education support services that relate to children and young people of statutory school age in Leeds. There are four main aims of this service, all Leeds schools will be good schools; all Leeds schools will be improving schools; all Leeds schools will be inclusive schools; and Education will be at the heart of the Vision for Leeds.

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The Children and Young People's Social Care Service works with children in need who have complex or multiple needs, and those who are experiencing or at risk of significant harm. The service provides specialist services relating to family support, disabled children and young people, safeguarding, looked after children, fostering, adoption and residential provision, unaccompanied asylum seeking children and leaving care services.

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Sally is the Chief Officer overseeing both Early Years and Youth Services. The Early Years Services combines oversight of the children's centre programme, childcare sufficiency, quality and standards support to all sector settings including schools, the statutory Family Information Service and Leeds Children's Fund. Core work aims to narrow the gap between the most and least advantaged children and families in Leeds. The integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) combines statutory youth and Connexions Services. The IYSS provides core services and independent information, advice and guidance to all young people across the city. It aims to deliver the Youth Breeze Promise and a network of specialist and innovative projects covering quality work, community cohesion, health education, issue-based group-work, support work, residential and outdoor activity centres and much more. The Youth Offending Service is aligned to the IYSS and delivers outstanding services and support to young people who offend or are at risk of offending

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Locality enablers take a local overview to ensure that the change programme improves outcomes and delivers change at the front line. They ensure that there are clear local priorities, that service users are at the heart of change, that elected members are fully engaged and that future activity and services are linked to the priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan. An integral part of the role is making effective links across organisations, including those not typically associated with children's services such as regeneration, housing, planning, highways, leisure and the police service. They do not have operational responsibility for services, but rather work on behalf of the partnership as a whole, assisting partners embed integrated working processes as we collectively work in a more joined up way. Currently, there are three enablers covering the five localities, whilst one member is on maternity leave and there is a recent vacancy in the team. Locality Enablers will take a lead on:

- a) The development of local delivery plans which form part of the new Leeds Strategic Planning framework.
- b) Establishing wedge based 'change teams' who will work with local partnerships (evolving from extended services clusters) to implement new models of integrated working which promote the roll out of the common assessment framework, effective local workforce development opportunities and effective multi-agency arrangements to allow lead professionals to successfully undertake their critical role.
- c) Linking local ambitions to the city strategic commissioning arrangements.
- d) Developing key working relationships with Area Committees.

Jane Maxwell - North West



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Jane has worked for Leeds City Council for a number of years, most recently as the Change Manager for Children's Services. She has a background in project and performance management.

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Amanda Jackson - West



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Amanda joined Leeds City Council from Kirklees Council where she most recently worked as a Sure Start Locality Manager. She has a background working in social regeneration and recently in rolling out Sure Start Children's Centres.

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Ken Morton - East



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Ken previously worked for Education Leeds where he was the Learning Communities Director working for the School Improvements Service on initiatives such as Excellence in Cities programme and extended services strategy and City Learning Centres

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Shaid Mahmood – South and North East



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Shaid has been working as the Connexions Partnership Director before joining the unit. He was responsible for the performance management of frontline service to meet targets and improve outcomes.

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Director of Children's Services Unit - Strategic Leaders

Strategic leaders assist the Directors of Children's Services by setting standards in service provision ensuring accountability, effectiveness and value for money for all local authority children's services. For example they will help to maximise the use and accessibility of resources across organisations, breaking down traditional boundaries.

John Maynard
Intelligence and Innovation



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John's role is to develop a long term overview of the direction of children's services and take the strategic lead on ensuring that children's services across organisations in Leeds are at the forefront of progression and development; to generate innovative solutions to problems whilst working with others to develop and evaluate these.

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Performance



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Barbara's role is to provide leadership for the management and monitoring of performance across the children's trust arrangements, in order to improve outcomes for children and young people.

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Paul has joined the team from a background in developing services for vulnerable children and families which champion integrated and early intervention approaches. He has also previously developed and led locality and city wide partnerships of our services. Paul's role is to lead on targets in the Children and Young People's Plan requiring additional leadership. He is also helping to develop improved shared practice in raising quality and value in services (commissioning).

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