

## **Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO) - 2 year fixed term role**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to shape and deliver the Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO) role, which will be new to London Borough of Sutton. The role is aimed at strengthening collaborative working between Social Care, Education, SEND and Health. We are looking for someone who is passionate about improving services for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The DSCO will strategically lead in framing the social care elements of the SEND Strategy across the local authority/local area partnership and ensure that we are in compliance with the legislative requirements of the SEND Code of Practice (2015), as we meet our statutory responsibilities under the Children and Family Act (2014) and Care Act (2014).

The successful candidate will also contribute to and influence SEND organisational design through better alignment of the SEND and social care systems, providing a more joined-up experience for children and their families.

To be successful in this role you will need to hold a recognised qualification in social work, education or other relevant profession, and have an in-depth knowledge of social care processes and the SEND reforms agenda. You will also need to have effective leadership and negotiation skills, be used to working collaboratively with Directors, managers, practitioners and partners to drive organisational development and change.

For an informal discussion about this role please contact Andrea Stone at [andrea.stone@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.stone@sutton.gov.uk) or Kieran Holliday at [kieran.holliday@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:kieran.holliday@sutton.gov.uk)