



Coventry City Council

Job Description

Vacancy Reference No:

Job Title: Contracts Officer

Job Number: Y5122D

Post Number:

Service: Strategic Commissioning

Grade: Grade 5

Location: One Friargate

Job Purpose:

To take responsibility, as delegated by the Commissioning Manager, for the monitoring of contract compliance, developing provider relationships and market management of care services in collaboration with social work teams and NHS colleagues.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Review the provision of care services for Adults, supporting the development of formal reviewing processes for care services.
2. Implement effective reviewing procedures and undertake contract monitoring to determine compliance. Professionally handling areas of contractual non-compliance, advising providers and agreeing corrective action, enforcing penalties where appropriate.
3. Lead and project manage a diverse range of contracts including risk management, contract setting, monitoring, surveys, contract reviews and compliance. This will include contributing to major contracting exercises including large scale tendering.
4. Develop good working relationships with all parties including providers, service users, Social Work Teams, NHS colleagues and other agencies.
5. Develop more robust monitoring systems, which reflect best practice through research and liaison with other local authorities, ensuring best value through strong contracting links across the Directorate. To provide feedback that informs the way in which the Directorate delivers its services including shaping Directorate strategies and strengthening contractual arrangements thus ensuring quality outcomes for service users.

6. Operate a robust contracting protocols and processes using the team's internal processes, financial regulations, Standing Orders, legislative and statutory instructions as a baseline.
 7. Provide technical social care contracting advice and support across the People Directorate, including management information to enable informed decisions to be made regarding the development and improvement of services. Compile Cabinet reports and briefing papers as necessary to support developments.
 8. Support the Commissioning Manager in their role as designated lead for services on contractual matters relating to the City Council's Standing Orders for contracts.
 9. Assist in the development and implementation of quality outcomes for service users and added value from contractual arrangements.
 10. Contribute to the development of outcome based service specifications in liaison with staff across the Directorate who are responsible for purchasing and/or care managing services.
 11. Operate and develop of audit proof recording systems in conjunction with relevant Directorate and Corporate Finance staff, implementing recommendations from formal audits as required.
 12. Maintain and develop good working relationships with independent sector providers in the voluntary and private sectors. Promote inter-agency partnerships to ensure joined up contracting arrangements.
 13. Assist in the development of market management strategies for social care services, including a robust, flexible and sustainable mixed economy.
 14. Implement market management strategies that promote quality services, including the operation of appropriate pricing policies and procedures.
 15. Any other duties and responsibilities within the range of the salary grade.
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The post holder must comply with Coventry City Council's health and safety policy and in particular is required:-

- To take reasonable care for their own health and safety at work and of those who may be affected by their actions or by their omissions
- To cooperate with their line manager and senior management, to work safely, to comply with health and safety instructions and information and undertake appropriate health and safety training as required
- Not to intentionally or recklessly interfere with or misuse anything provided in the interests of health, safety and welfare
- To report to their manager any health and safety concerns, hazardous condition or defect in the health and safety arrangements.

Any further Health and Safety responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

The post holder must comply with the Interagency procedures of the Safeguarding Boards and Coventry City Council's policies for safeguarding children and safeguarding adults and in particular is required:-

- To ensure they are aware of the signs that may suggest a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected
- To report to their manager, or other appropriate manager, any concerns they may have that suggest that a child or vulnerable adult may be being abused or neglected immediately

Any further Safeguarding Board responsibilities relevant to this post will be set out in the offer letter and Written Statement of Particulars

Post holders will be accountable for carrying out all duties and responsibilities with due regard to the City Council's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

Duties which include processing of any personal data must be undertaken within the corporate data protection guidelines.

Responsible for: Nil / No Line Management Responsibility

Responsible to: Commissioning Manager

Reviewed: September 2020

Updated: 16th January 2018.

Person Specification

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Area	Description
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Knowledge:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the City Council's Equal Opportunities Policy and a commitment to the Department's core values.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of social care provision/understanding of care services provision.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of the issues surrounding the commissioning of services in a multi-cultural environment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of contractual processes including tendering, monitoring, review and evaluation of contract compliance.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound technical knowledge of the contracting process, including legislative and financial requirements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness and understanding of financial accounts and budgetary control within the commissioning process.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of Data Protection legislation and requirements.

Skills and Abilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A high level of organisational skills to manage conflicting priorities, working under pressure within agreed deadlines.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing, including the preparation and presentation of reports, briefing notes and statistical information.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT skills, including the manipulation of data using spreadsheets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent interpersonal, negotiating and influencing skills.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skill in Reviewing and monitoring services against specified requirements and bringing about improvements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to develop and promote good working relationships with a wide range of staff at all levels in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to work on own initiative, both flexibly and sensitively, within a changing environment.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to utilise IT software effectively to assist in the monitoring and evaluation of services using all available information.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to promote and develop a managed and sustainable mixed economy of care market.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to effectively contribute to and manage projects.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to effectively chair meetings.

Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good technical knowledge and practice in relation to the financial and legislative requirements of contracting.

Educational:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High standard of literacy and numeracy

Special Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This post is exempted under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and as such appointment to this post will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory response to a check of police records via Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

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