

## **Statutory Children's Services**

The Director of Children's Services is appointed for the purposes of discharging the education and children's social services functions of the local authority. The functions for which they are responsible are set out in section 18(2) of the Children Act 2004.

This includes responsibility for children and young people receiving education or children's social care services and all children looked after by the local authority or in custody (regardless of where he/she placed).

Examples of statutory work include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Looked After Children Services
- Safeguarding children at risk of harm
- Services for young offenders
- Commissioning health visiting services
- Commissioning sufficient school places
- Challenge and support of underperforming schools
- The school admissions function
- Assessment of children with special educational needs and disabilities
- Commissioning of transport for the statutorily eligible.