

SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING DIRECTORATE

Welcome to the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate

The Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate is based at the Civic Centre, Port Talbot and at the adjacent Aberafan House. In addition, there are area offices in Port Talbot, Neath and Pontardawe and the All Wales Secure Unit at Neath, all of which are within a short distance of the M4 motorway. The Directorate employs over 2500 people and has an annual budget in excess of £39.3 million.

Directorate Management Structure

The Corporate Director – Social Services, Health and Housing is Mr Colin Preece, who has in excess of 30 years Local Government experience and was formerly Assistant Director of Social Services in West Glamorgan.

Mr Preece leads a Directorate Management Team consisting of four Heads of Service as follows;

Head of Children and Young People Services - Julie Rzeznicek, is responsible for Adoption/Fostering, Child Protection, Hillside Secure Unit, Residential Services, Child Disability, Assessment Services and Social Work.

Head of Community Care Services – Tony Clements, is responsible for Elderly and Disability Services, Mental Health, Residential Care and Learning Disabilities.

Head of Housing Services – Robert Rees, is responsible for Council Housing, Homelessness, Renovation Grants, Sheltered Housing and Housing Strategy.

Head of Building Services – Simon Thomas is responsible for Housing Maintenance, Major Works and our Customer Call Centre.

Head of Business Management, Environmental Health and Trading Standards - Karen Jones, is responsible for Support Service functions such as Finance, Personnel, Performance and Business Management, Environmental Health and Trading Standards.



Work Locations

As well as the offices listed overleaf, the Directorate is responsible for Residential Care Homes, Residential Day Care Centres for Elderly, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Service users throughout the County Borough.

Achievements

The Joint Review of Neath Port Talbot Social Services conducted by the Welsh Assembly and the Audit Commission (which was reported in October 2001), indicated that “The Authority provides and commissions a good range of services for children and adults” and, at the time, the outcome of the review was the best in Wales. The Directorate also has full Iip accreditation.

Contact Point for Further Information

If you require further information about the Social Services, Health and Housing Directorate, or about the post in which you are interested, please contact Personnel Services on (01639) 763398.