

## Person Specification

Job Title: CHIEF EXECUTIVE - BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST

Grade: JNC Level £143,079 to £213,656

Reporting to: Chair of Birmingham Children's Trust and Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council

Method of Assessment (M.O.A.) A.F. = Application Form; I = Interview; T. - Test or Exercise; C. – Certificate; P. – Presentation.

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	M.O.A.
Education/Qualifications	Educated to degree level with an appropriate professional qualification and proven evidence of continuing leadership and development.	AF&C
	Committed to continual professional development for themselves and their team.	AF&I
Experience (Relevant work and other experience)	Proven record of delivery and strategic leadership with significant and successful experience working at a senior management level within education, children's social care or large, complex and diverse organisation/related discipline.	AF&I
	Thorough understanding of local government and the associated challenges.	AF, I&P
	Experience of developing and implementing complex change management strategies and policies for the public sector that have led to improved services and outcomes.	AF/I
	In depth understanding and expertise across the broad range of education, children's social care strategies, policies, processes, tools and practices.	AF&I
	Experience of successfully working with senior teams through transformational change, and ensuring change is sustainable and embedded.	AF&I
	Proven track record of driving quality and service improvements.	AF, I&P
	Successful experience of managing large and complex budgets.	AF/I
	Experience of operating in a political environment, recognising and managing where differences may exist between Elected Members and Officers and providing clear, balanced advice and guidance on strategic issues.	AF&I

	Proven experience of contributing to Boards and Senior Management teams outside of being the children's social care specialist.	AF&I
Skills & Ability e.g. written communication skills, dealing with the public	Strong and demonstrable leadership skills in managing large teams successfully.	AF/I
etc.	Knowledge and understanding of legislation, statutory frameworks and national policy affecting education and wider children's services.	AF/I/P
	Creativity and strategic thinking skills, including the ability to improve services, develop new ways of working, and find appropriate solutions.	AF/I
	Highly developed and pragmatic influencing and negotiating skills.	AF/I
	Strong analytical and interpretative skills practically applied.	AF/I
	Demonstrable ability to manage ambiguity whilst pursuing certainty.	AF/I
	Ability to build a customer focused team that reflects the diverse needs of the city.	AF/I/P
	Ability to demonstrate a high level of determination, personal drive, vigour and ambition to achieve challenging targets and improve outcomes.	AF/I/T
	Commitment to an organisational culture and the development of services that add value.	AF/I
	An ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence using the English Language as required by <b>Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016</b>	I/P
Values and Behaviours	We are true to our word: When we make promises, we keep them. Makes time to build trusting relationships	AF/T/I/P
	Makes sure people who are affected are involved and kept well - informed	
	Gives people ongoing feedback that helps them improve their performance	
	Shows s/he believes in what they say	
	Promptly addresses any problems	
	We act courageously: We lead, we manage, and we tackle the difficult issues: every day, every one of us.	AF/T/I/P
	Unafraid to ask challenging questions	

	Inspires people to act in the public interest of Birmingham Makes people feel valued	
	Positive Leadership: We create a climate of positivity that inspires people to do their best work.	AF/T/I/P
	Encourages people to try out new ways and ideas to improve things	
	Achieves a good balance between short-term operational issues and longer-term strategic goals	
	Ensures people know what steps they'll need to take, to achieve the future vision, achieve outcomes and make a difference	
	Searches for great practices and ideas from outside the Trust to make THE TRUST even better	
	Ensures people have a clear, shared understanding of the vision for the service	
Leadership Drivers	Shaping the Future: We all share and communicate the same vision for the future Trust.	AF/T/I/P
	Asks for feedback to improve his or her performance	
	Looks for ways to keep doing his/her job better Helps other people achieve and celebrate their goals Recognises mistakes and does something to put it right Asks for feedback to improve his or her performance	
	We achieve excellence: We get things right. First time every time. He/she give's their very best every day	AF/T/I/P
	Puts themselves in the shoes of the residents to deal with their issues Is a patient and helpful person Always treats people with kindness - 'the human touch'	
	Makes time to listen carefully to people to understand their needs Treats all people with complete respect and understanding	
	We put citizens first: We are empathetic and respectful in everything we do.	AF/T/I/P
	Embraces new ways of working to encourage change	
	Has difficult conversations when necessary	
	Uses h/her initiative to do something different	
	Courage to speak out on difficult issues	

Is visible and accessible to all staff at all levels Recognises and celebrates progress Focuses on solutions, rather than problems Promoting Collaboration: We work across and AF/T/I/P outside the Trust, to share knowledge and skills, and jointly solve problems. Proactively supports and promotes working with people and teams outside his/her own area and Trust where appropriate Readily collaborates and co-creates with communities, internal & external partners and all staff, to achieve better public outcomes Looks for feedback from others and ways to improve his/her performance Looks for way to create common goals with others outside his/her own area Actively builds networks across and outside of the Trust AF/T/I/P Raising Performance: We create the environment to enable people to be the best they can be. Gives people ongoing feedback and coaching that helps them improve their performance Makes sure people are clear about what he/she expects from them (what "good" or "excellent" looks like) Is clear he/she expects high performance. Will not tolerate average or poor performance Promptly addresses under performance, when needed Identifies, attracts, develops and retains exceptional talent AF/T/I/P **Driving Innovation and Improvement: We are** relentlessly curious and open to new ways of working to improve the Trust. Welcomes change and responds quickly to changing situations Rigorously focuses resources on the priorities that make the biggest contribution to the future Trust vision Creates a climate where constructive challenge and new

ideas are encouraged

Always questions if we could do things differently to get better	
Is open to new ideas, whoever or wherever they come from	

Birmingham Children's Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment

All staff are expected to **understand** and be **committed** to Equal Opportunities in employment and service delivery along with a clear understanding of and commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion issues and challenging discriminatory practices.