

**STATUTORY GUIDANCE ON THE ROLE AND ACCOUNTABILITIES OF
THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Core Responsibilities

- Providing clear professional leadership across Social Services.
- Having direct access to and advising the Chief Executive and Councillors on Social Services matters and on the direction and actions the authority should take in fulfilling its Social Services responsibilities.
- Ensuring that strong performance management arrangements are in place across Social Services, and reporting at a corporate level and to Councillors on the authority's performance in respect of these.
- Ensuring that the authority has proper safeguards to protect vulnerable children and young people, adults and older people, and reporting at a corporate level and to Councillors on their effectiveness.
- Fulfilling overall responsibility for Social Services workforce planning, training and professional development;
- Ensuring that there are adequate arrangements in place for Social Services to work effectively with others, both within and outside the authority, in fulfilling its Social Services functions and in contributing to the achievement of wider policy objectives.