

Meet our team



Sonya

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Tell us about your career

I've spent my whole career in social work and am as passionate today as I was the day I started my training. I'm very clear that children and families need to be at the heart of the decisions we make. My role as head of service is to help staff showcase their expertise, enthusiasm and commitment to improving the way we work.

Why are you recruiting?

I'm very lucky to work with so many talented, professional colleagues and to have senior management and councillors who have backed our ambitions for the service with additional resources.

Like all authorities, we face challenges in trying to find the best social workers locally, but we are confident we are building something very special here, and we are recruiting to expand and strengthen what we already do.

Why South Gloucestershire?

I've worked at a number of authorities – what's special here is the strength of the team ethos, our shared vision and our determination to get things right. We are a relatively small local authority, so managers know staff well. They can plan their services to ensure teams have manageable caseloads and have effective supervision so feel supported to make decisions which are right for the children, young people and families they work with.

Most importantly, the council wants to be proud of the services we deliver to children and there's a joint commitment to get there – not just within the service, but in the support we get from members and corporately to be the best we can possibly be.

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We're strengthening our adult and children's social care teams,
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