

## A message from Liz, a social work consultant



Hi, I'm Liz and I'm employed as a Social Work Consultant in Manchester City Council's Adult Social Care Directorate. Like my social work consultant colleagues, I'm a qualified and experienced social worker and my role is to support students, newly qualified social workers, social workers and team managers to improve social work standards and good quality practices across the city, whilst ensuring statutory duties are fulfilled.

I offer support and advice around access to continued professional development opportunities and take the lead role in ensuring newly qualified social workers enrol onto the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE) programme and are appropriately supported throughout with the necessary functions for moderation being in place.

Part of my role is to promote social work identity and progression of KSS and PCF standards; getting involved in activities to ensure all social workers have access to good professional supervision processes and career development pathways. I help to promote Local Government standards for social workers and I work with colleagues regionally and nationally to ensure we keep at the forefront of social work practice. I also facilitate regular social work forums locally for our own social workers to ensure there is the opportunity for peer support. If you have any concerns or issues about HCPC registration, I'll support you with these too.

As a social work consultant, I champion Practice Education, overseeing student placement arrangements, supporting alternative routes into social work and engaging with external partners within the Greater Manchester Social Work Academy Teaching Partnership, to share knowledge of best practice learning models; remain up to date with teaching standards and frameworks amended or developed; network to enhance relations with Higher Education Institutes so that local need is understood and can be responded to for the appropriate development of social workers within Manchester City Council.

So come and work for Manchester, there are great opportunities to build and enhance your career here and I'll be here to support you to do just that.

Liz