

## Children's Services

### List of Agency Decision Makers and Nominated Officers

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#### Introduction

This list sets out the names and contact details of those nominated by Dorset Council Children's Services as responsible for carrying out key duties in relation to the wellbeing and care of children and young people. More detailed guidance stating which decisions are delegated to which officers is set out in the Local Scheme of Nomination and Delegation of Authority for Children's Services, the Scheme of Delegated Authority for Education Services and the Scheme of Delegated Authority for SEND.

Delegated officers are chief officers whose decision-making authority is in the scheme of delegation or is given direct from a committee.

Nominated officers are those whose decision-making authority is set out in the directorates scheme of nomination.

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