

Context of the Work

The Education Challenge Lead for Dorset plays a pivotal role in the educational landscape, establishing direct and regular links with schools to act as a high-level challenge within the system. This role is essential in enabling and brokering school support and facilitating school-to-school collaboration to achieve the best outcomes for children and young people.

A high degree of specialist knowledge of the education landscape and the mechanisms required for effective collaboration across the system is crucial for this role. The Education Challenge Lead is responsible for leading accountability functions for schools within a locality and driving forward the priorities of the Dorset Education Strategy.

The role ensures that statutory data collected from schools is utilised effectively to inform both short-term and long-term planning, driving continuous improvement. Strategically, the Education Challenge Lead supports and challenges governors and headteachers in their work, working alongside governor services officers, schools finance and other team members.

A key aim of this role is to develop transparent and open communication mechanisms with schools and providers regarding their work. The post holder will coordinate the roles of other functions within the team to ensure effective service delivery as part of a multi-disciplinary team.
