

About Social Work England

Social Work England will be the new, independent regulator for child, family, and adult social workers in England.



What will Social Work England achieve?



It will promote public confidence in the profession, helping to raise the status of social workers.



It will use evidence and information to support improved social work practice.



It will adapt to emerging challenges and best practice, reflecting the changing reality of delivering social work safely and effectively.

What will Social Work England do?

Its primary purpose will be protection of the public, which it will achieve through:

- Setting education & training standards, and approving training courses
- Setting professional standards
- Maintaining a register of all social workers in England
- Running a fitness to practice system
- Auditing continuous professional development
- Approving post qualifying courses



The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) is the current regulator for social workers in England. This includes the upcoming registration renewal which will run from 1 September to 30 November 2018.



Social Work England is not expected to begin regulating the profession before Spring 2019.



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