

# BASW

The professional association for social work and social workers

## MAKING AN IMPACT

A snapshot of our impact for  
**October 2019 – September 2020**

See the [BASW COVID-19 update](#) for our work to support social workers, social work and people that use services during the pandemic.

**For social workers.** Supporting, protecting and inspiring social workers.

### BASW across the nations

**BASW**  
England

**BASW**  
Cymru

**BASW**  
Northern Ireland

**SASW**



**Represented social workers**, advocated for social work and influenced policy across all governments of the UK e.g. with all 4 Chief Social Workers/equivalents, national ministers, employers' organisations.

Collected and analysed **2,300** responses to the Social Work during Covid-19 survey, spoke directly to **300+** respondents, used findings in government lobbying, employer discussions, strategic partnerships, national press and media and to improve our services.

**Extended our branches and groups** to 23 in England, launched new groups including communities of practice and student group in Scotland, Law group in Wales, and 3 new UK Special Interest groups.

**Launched Social Work Employment Service** providing a safe and ethical service for Independent and agency social workers.

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**SWU**  
Social Workers Union

**Supported 1,750 members** with professional advice and support from a team of qualified social workers who give professional and regulatory help - **a 15% increase on last year.**

**Campaigned** for improved professional working conditions and launched the **Social Worker Wellbeing and Working Conditions** Good Practice Toolkit.

Influenced improvements to **Mental Capacity law** through consultation responses.

**30+** 'Voices of Social Work' PSW online articles giving voice to social workers throughout Covid 19.



**Launched the BASW Professional Support Service**, providing essential space and support for social workers to talk.

*"This was a very positive experience for me. I was able to explore my professional social work career issues and challenges with an experienced coach"*

**BASW** 50 YEARS  
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We are leading on a range of activities to explore the **past, present and future of social work**: - the legacy of 50 years of BASW and 100 years of the profession.

**600** Over 600 people joined our BASW 50th anniversary online festival and our 'Talking Together' webinar.

**811** self-employed social workers connected through events.

**300k** BASW email bulletins opened from March – August 2020.

**3.1m** visits to the BASW website.

# For social work. Developing professional practice, knowledge, research and learning.

## Professional practice

BASW England Professional Capabilities Framework was viewed online more than **235,000** times in the last year.

Developed the UK **Anti-Poverty Practice Guide** for Social Work.

**No Recourse to Public Funds:** Statement and Guidance launched.

Developed and delivered **Adults with Learning Disability and/or Autistic Adults** capabilities and CPD pathway, with DHSC in England.

Developed **20+ practice guides** to support urgent professional advice needs during Covid-19.

Worked with sector partners to develop **Homes not Hospitals** campaign in England in response to human rights abuses of autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

Facilitated **Attachment Based Practice** with Children, Adults and Families in NI.

**3.6k** social workers engaged in our live CPD events and webinars and **8k** watched again online.

Launched and promoted Social Work and **Human Rights** practice guides for the UK and internationally.

Developed and published the **Domestic Abuse and Child Welfare** practice guide for social workers in Scotland and tailored for use across UK.

BASW England **80-20 Campaign** to uphold relationship-based practice in social work, conferences, resources and guides.

Worked with NHS Digital, Health Education England and SCIE to deliver **Digital capabilities** for social workers.

**Role of Social Work in Disasters** developed joint ADASS/BASW statement and national CPD offer with sector partners.

BASW Independents registered **2,447** CPD hours.

## Research

Worked with researchers from 12 universities to secure **£2,542,277** of funding for social work research.

Joined NIHR **School for Social Care** Research Advisory Board.

Published British Journal of Social Work **BASW heritage year** Virtual Issue (edition) - 50 curated articles from 50 years.

# For a better society. Speaking out on equality, human rights, and other social issues.

Launched the **UK Social Work Manifesto** which set out what social work expected from the main political parties.

### Anti-poverty.

Campaigned against welfare reduction, playing a key role to secure the extension of the NI welfare reform mitigation package. Raised £2,600 for charities including the Social Workers' Benevolent Trust.

Called for relationship based, co-production at Westminster ministerial meeting to discuss reforms to **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**.

Adopted the **sustainability strategy** and measures to reduce environmental actively. PSW packaging went compostable.

Homeless World Cup, challenged perceptions about people who experience **homelessness in Wales** and fed into the **Homeless Prevention strategy in Scotland**.

Working with advocacy organisation 'Travelling Ahead' and members of **Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Cross Party Group** in Welsh Government to help foster positive understanding between GRT communities and social workers.

Achieved average of **40 media hits each month** including Victoria Derbyshire, BBC news, The Guardian, The Independent, The Voice and Community Care – speaking out on working conditions for social workers, lack of funding for services, provided social work insight to Newsnight, marked Foster Care Fortnight with coverage on BBC radio four.



**£1.5m** – the monetary value of our media coverage.

Set up the **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Group**. Strategy and commitment to campaign for equality more widely.

Development of Social work in **The Troubles** through dedicated UTV documentary and publication of international book.

Provided a hub of **information on Brexit**, along with commentary on the Brexit Bill, impact on services, immigration system and the issues faced by children and young people leaving care.