

# The British Association of Social Workers (BASW)



- BASW is the professional association for Social Workers in the UK (established in 1970).
- We are a member-led organisation which promotes Social Work, the interests of those working within the profession and people who use services.
- We have over 21,000 members and we have teams in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- We are the strong independent voice of Social Work and Social Workers.



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# The BASW mandate

- **Strong** – We build strength and unity through vision and purpose, increasing our membership, developing our services, and influencing across the nations of the UK, in Europe and globally.
- **Independent** – We maintain our independence from governments and employers in order to be able to act in the best interests of the profession and Social Work professionals.
- **Voice** – We ensure a strong and positive voice in the media, with governments and working with their agencies, in order to speak up for Social Work and Social Workers, for people who use services. We campaign and lobby in order to have the best possible influence on policy, legislation and practice.
- **Social work** – We promote ownership of Social Work values, ethics, knowledge, education and practice. We defend, develop and strengthen Social Work as a unique profession rooted in social justice and respect for human dignity and worth.
- **Social workers** – We provide professional advice, support for practice, training and development opportunities. We also represent and defend Social Workers individually and collectively.

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**Professional Support Service**



# What we do for Social Work & Social Workers



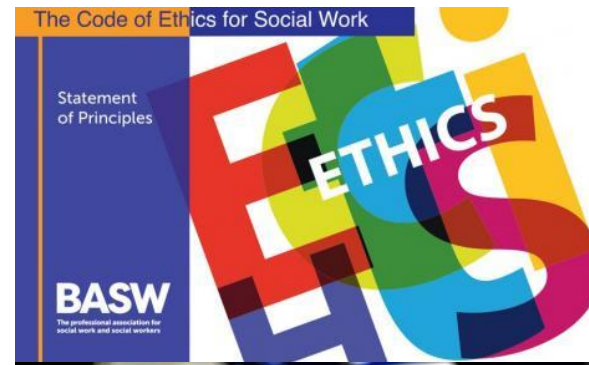
Capabilities Statement



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- Code of Ethics for Social Work
- The Professional Capabilities Framework (PCF)
- Collaboration with employers, education providers, service-user groups and other stakeholders
- Specialist national groups (children & families; adults; mental health; criminal justice; students and NQSW's and professional development)
- An established network of BASW branches nationwide
- Events, conferences & webinars
- Policy & research activities
- Liaison with the regulator Social Work England



### BASW quick weblinks

- Promo video
- Membership types are listed here
- BASW events webpage
- Join BASW online here

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- Parliamentary work with MP's and civil servants
- Training, CPD and career development
- Social Workers' Union (trade union advice and representation)
- National consultation responses, campaigns and lobbying activities
- Black & Ethnic Minority Professionals Symposium (BPS)
- Raising the profile of social work on various media platforms (TV, radio, print, online etc)
- Promote 'collective professional identity'

