

Standards of Conduct and Practice for **Social Workers**

The **Standards of Conduct** describe the values, attitudes and behaviours expected of social workers in their day to day work.

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As a social worker, you must protect the rights and promote the interests and wellbeing of service users and carers

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As a social worker, you must strive to establish and maintain the trust and confidence of service users and carers.

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As a social worker, you must promote the autonomy of service users while safeguarding them as far as possible from danger or harm.

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As a social worker, you must respect the rights of service users while seeking to ensure that their behaviour does not harm themselves or other people.

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As a social worker, you must uphold public trust and confidence in social work services.

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As a social worker, you must be accountable for the quality of your work and take responsibility for maintaining and improving your knowledge and skills.

The **Standards of Practice** describe the knowledge and skills required for competent social work practice.

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As a social worker, you must manage your role as a professional social worker.

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As a social worker, you must maintain an up to date knowledge and evidence base for social work.

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As a social worker, you must develop social work practice through supervision, consultation, reflection and analysis.

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As a social worker, you must practise competently within your area of practice.

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As a social worker, you must engage and participate with service users and carers.

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As a social worker, you must assess needs circumstances, rights, strengths and risks in partnership with those involved and respond appropriately.

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As a social worker, you must use social work interventions to manage risk and improve outcomes for service users.

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As a social worker, you must develop yourself and others.

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As a social worker, you must practise in multidisciplinary and inter-agency contexts.