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Social Care Managers Forum

17th November 2026

Review of Registration Fees Consultation

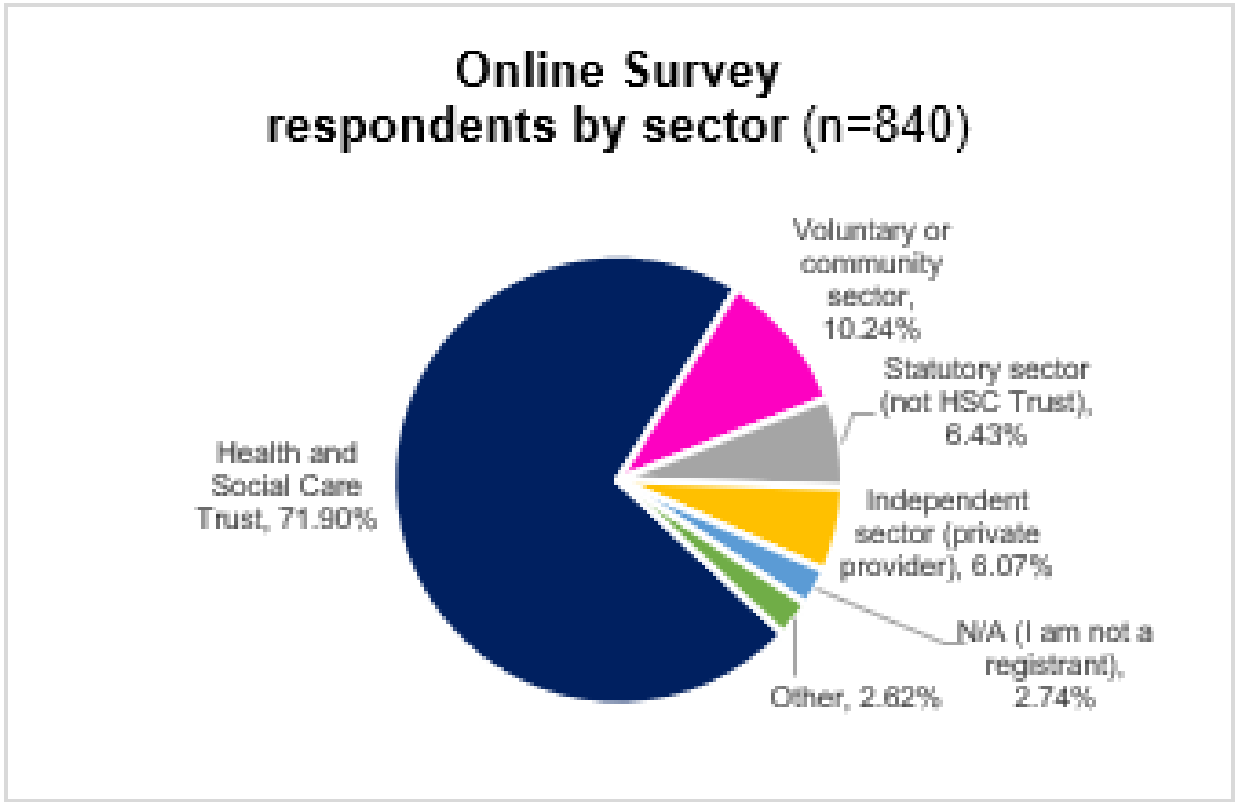


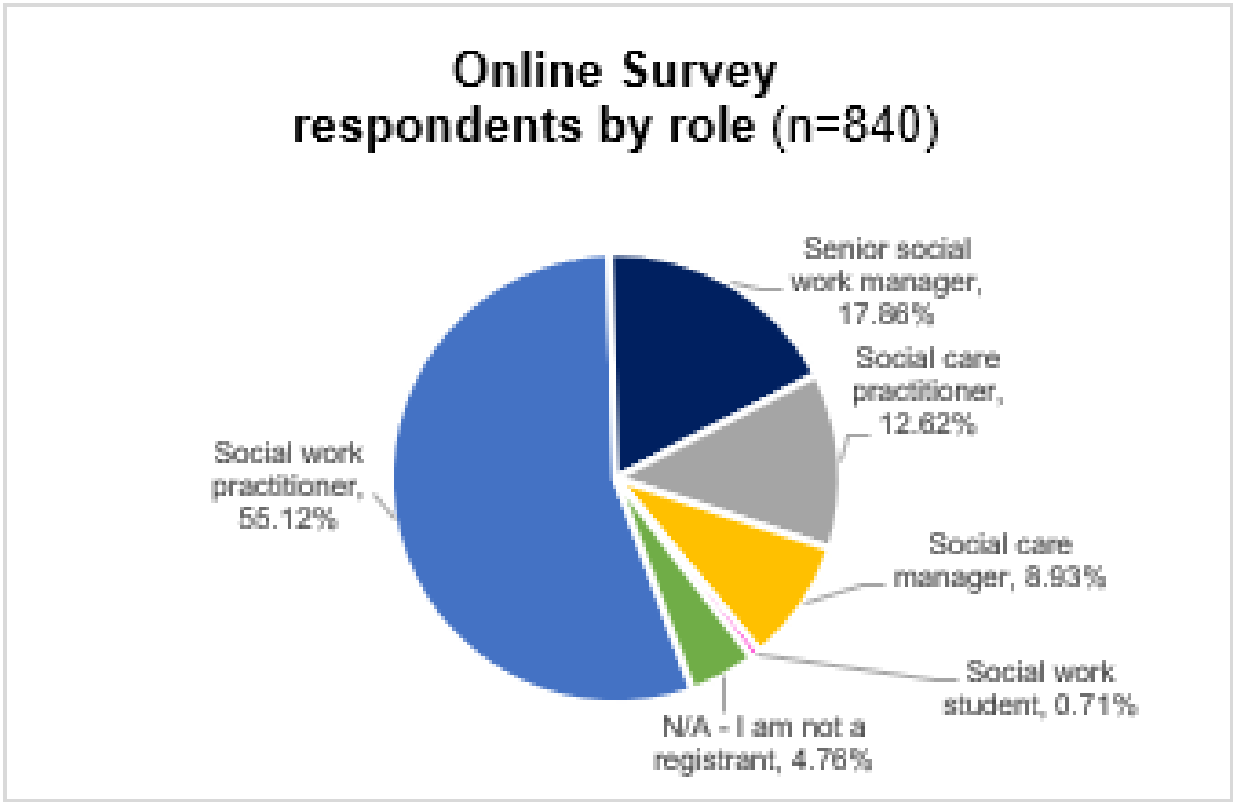
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Monday 14th September 2026 to
Monday 9th November 2026

8 online engagement sessions day and evening.
5 written responses
3 email comments
6 Social media comments
3 news articles
1 MLA query
804 Survey Responses

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Key Messages….. So far!

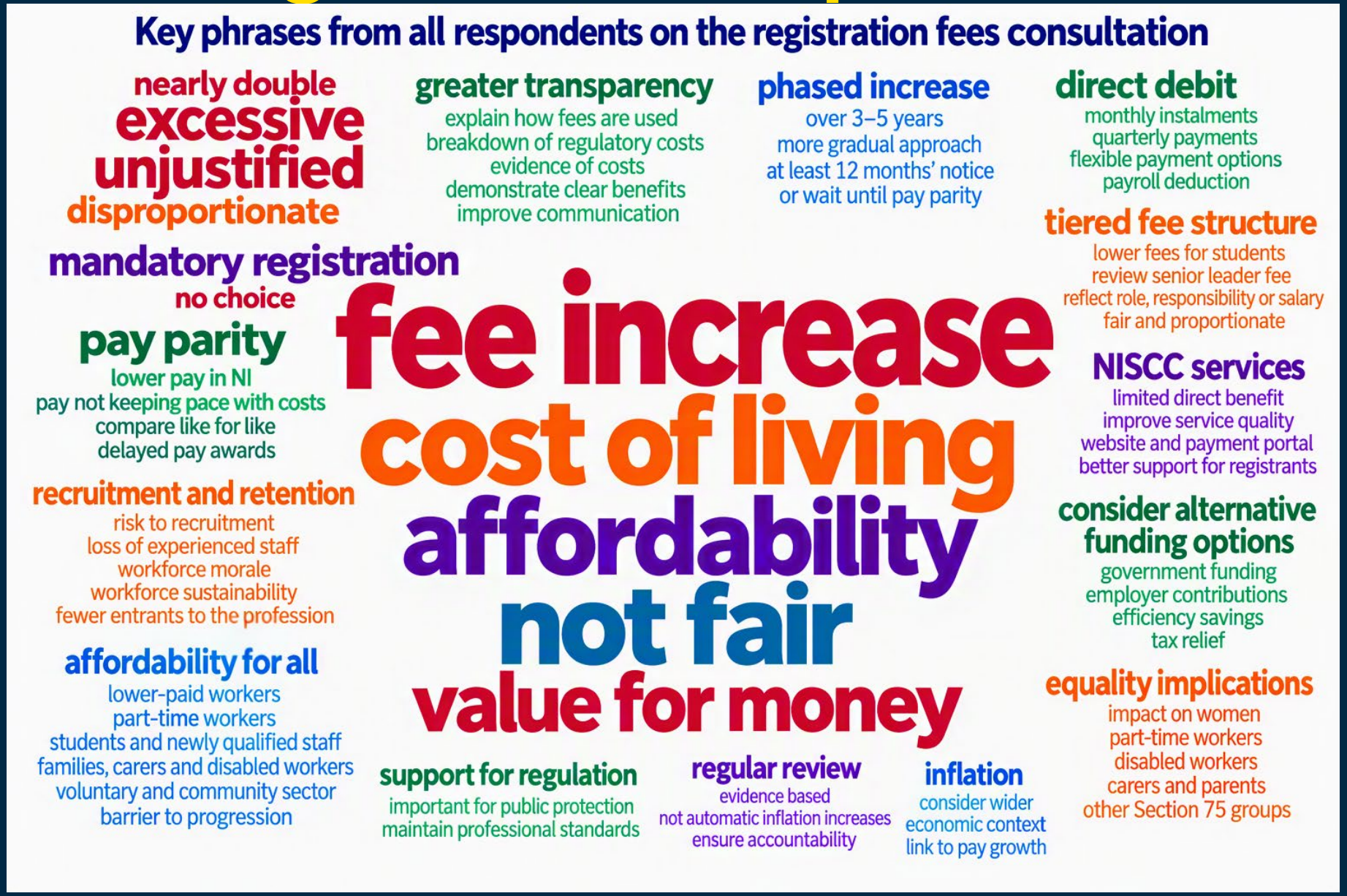


- Opposition to fee increase

- Lack of pay parity with the rest of the UK and this should come before fee parity.
- Workforce recruitment and retention risks need much greater consideration.
- Greater transparency on NISCC costs and use of income is required.
- More flexible payment options should be introduced.
- Affordability and increases should be phased over a much longer period
- Exploration of alternative funding approaches
- Desire for adequate advance notice of future fee changes

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Key Messages from Respondents



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Media Attention

Community Care 18th September 2026: Social workers face near doubling of registration fees in NI - Community Care

Social Work World: 19th September 2026: Social work fees in Northern Ireland would rise 85 per cent in a year under the regulator's plan

BASW UK: 18th September 2026: BASW Northern Ireland calls out 'unreasonable' proposed registration fee increase | BASW







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