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Our Job of the week this week is a
Social Worker



Job of the Week – Social Worker

WHAT YOU DO

Social workers help to protect vulnerable children and adults from harm or abuse, and support people to live independently.

In this role you could be:

- Offering information and counselling
- Putting together support plans
- Keeping records and writing reports
- Working with other professionals
- Supervising team members
- Attending court
- Discussing your cases through regular supervision.

WHAT YOU WEAR



Social workers do not have a set uniform. Most wear smart office wear as they spend time visiting families, schools, hospitals and attending meetings.

WORKING CONDITIONS

You could work in an office, in schools, in an NHS or private hospital, at an adult care home, at a children's care home or in the community.

WORKING HOURS

37-40

Social Workers are expected to work on a rota which includes week days, weekends, night shifts and bank holidays.

ANNUAL LEAVE

28 days

This can be taken at any time during the year.



ANNUAL INCOME

Starter £24,000

Experienced £40,000



SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to work well with others
- A desire to help people
- Knowledge of psychology
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- To be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE



University degree (approved by the Health Care Professionals Council)

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), and 2 or 3 A levels

You can also do a 2-year postgraduate degree in social work, if you have a degree in another subject.

Apprenticeship

You may be able to do a degree apprenticeship in Social Work. You will need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and college qualifications like A levels for a degree apprenticeship

Experience of working with vulnerable groups or children is essential for most courses and jobs.

Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Social workers	Youth and community workers	Social services managers and directors
Weekly Pay £710 Annual Pay £36,920 Hours/Week 37h Hourly Pay £19	Weekly Pay £470 Annual Pay £24,440 Hours/Week 32h Hourly Pay £15	Weekly Pay £870 Annual Pay £45,240 Hours/Week 39h Hourly Pay £22
Workforce Change (projected) Growth 7.2% Replacement 56.9% The workforce is projected to grow by 7.2% over the period to 2027, creating 8,400 jobs. In the same period, 56.9% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 66,900 job openings.	Workforce Change (projected) Growth 10.7% Replacement 51.1% The workforce is projected to grow by 10.7% over the period to 2027, creating 9,500 jobs. In the same period, 51.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 45,200 job openings.	Workforce Change (projected) Growth 9.1% Replacement 49.8% The workforce is projected to grow by 9.1% over the period to 2027, creating 5,000 jobs. In the same period, 49.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 27,200 job openings.
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Social workers

Social workers provide information, advice and support to those who are socially excluded or are experiencing crisis; they protect the welfare of vulnerable groups including children, young people, people with disabilities, elderly people and people who are mentally or physically ill, and they may specialise in specific areas of work.

Common tasks in this job:

- liaises with other health and social care professionals and agencies to identify those in need and at risk within the local community;
- interviews individuals and groups to assess and review the nature and extent of difficulties;
- undertakes and writes up assessments to specified standards;
- arranges for further counselling or assistance in the form of financial or material help;

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Youth and community workers

Youth and community workers provide support to individuals or groups of individuals through a range of activities or services that aim to encourage participation in social and community life and promote personal and social development.

Common tasks in this job:

- organises social, recreational and educational activities in local community and youth groups;
- undertakes the day-to-day running of community centres and supervises the activities of part-time and voluntary workers;
- liaises and supports voluntary workers running groups in village halls, churches, mosques and other places of worship;
- advises individuals with particular needs or problems through informal discussion, individual counselling or formal group discussion;

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Social services managers and directors

Social services managers and directors plan, organise, direct and co-ordinate the resources necessary to protect the welfare of certain groups within local authorities including children and young people, families under stress, people with disabilities, elderly people and people needing help as a result of illness.

Common tasks in this job:

- provides leadership and management to ensure services are delivered in accordance with statutory requirements and in line with the local authority social services department's policies and procedures;
- determines staffing, financial, material and other short and long-term needs;
- plans work schedules, assigns tasks and delegates responsibilities of social services staff;
- monitors and evaluates departmental performance with a view to improving social service provision;

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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/social-worker>

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Careers-in-care/Job-roles/Roles/Social-worker.aspx>

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/social-care/how-to-become-a-social-worker>

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/social-worker>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/clinical-support-staff/social-worker>