

Social work



South West
Yorkshire Partnership
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What we do

Social work is a regulated profession that works to empower people to take control of their lives. Mental health social workers (MHSWs) advocate for the rights of individuals to live independently with their families, carers and communities.

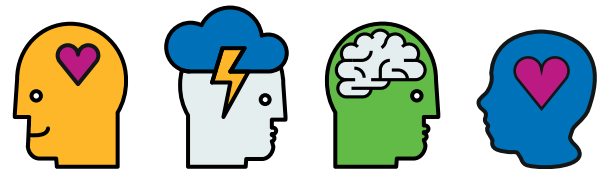
Social workers work with people and their families to form good working relationships and trust. They protect people that are vulnerable to harm and abuse, this is known as safeguarding.

They support people with their independence and working in a person-centred way to find out what people want and what is accessible to them, working together to make positive changes.

The services we work in



We work with people of all ages in a range of clinical settings such as hospitals (including forensic hospitals), clinics and in community settings.



In our Trust, social workers work with adults and children with a wide range of mental health needs such as depression, anxiety, psychosis and with neurodivergent needs.

How much a social worker can earn

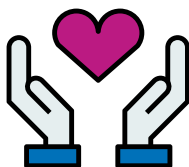
£29,970

Roles start at £29,970 per year

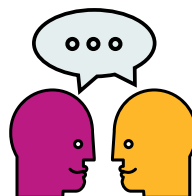
£60,000

Senior roles such as a professional social work lead can earn around £60,000 per year

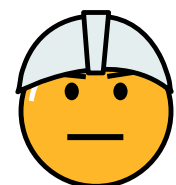
Social workers are great at



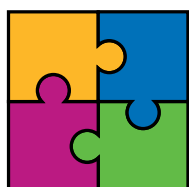
Empathy (able to see things from other points of view)



Building relationships



Being resilient



Problem-solving



Motivating others



Being compassionate

How to get started as a social worker

You'll need a degree or master's degree in social work. You can do this via a full-time or part time pre-registration course. The following local universities offer social work courses:



Entry requirements for an undergraduate course are usually:

- 5 GCSEs (grades 9-4/A-C), including maths, English and science.
- Level 3 qualification including: 3 A levels, T-Levels, BTEC Diploma, or Level 3 apprenticeship in health and social care.

There are also other pathways to becoming a social worker specifically in mental health, such as the Think Ahead programme. Search online for 'think ahead, mental health social work scheme'.

Find out more by searching online for:



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