



How will The College of Social Work take forward the work of the Reform Board and the Munro review?

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The scope and impact of Social Work

There are currently **94,00 registered social workers** in England.

In 2009 / 2010:

- **Almost 1.78 million people received adult social services support**, including residential care and assessment of need. *(NHS Community Care statistics)*
- **Almost 607,000 children were referred to children's social care services.** *(The Munro Review of Child Protection)*
- **Over 382,000 children were recorded as receiving social care support.** *(Provisional figures from the Children in Need census published by the Department for Education)*

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The College of Social Work - A leading light

Q. How do you know you have a good social worker?

A. When you feel your face light up when you see them

*(College consultation event with young people, run by **Action for Children.**)*



What will The College do?

As an independent membership organisation, led and run by social workers, The College of Social Work will:

- Be a powerful voice for the social work profession, in discussions with the public, policy makers and the media.
- Provide strong leadership for the profession.
- Work closely with people who use social work services and carers, ensuring that their views are incorporated into the overall development of The College.
- Be an international centre of excellence for the social work profession.



Where is The College now?

- Interim Board appointed.
- Business plan being developed.
- Working with The Reform Board.
- Working with the Munro Review.
- Representation on the Professional Liaisons Group of The Health Professions Council.
- Building the media functions and membership services of The College.



The Social Work Reform Board

Professional capabilities framework

“The more we value social workers, the more people will want to come into the profession”

In its first progress report, The Reform Board recommended the establishment of a capabilities framework for professional practice.

This national framework will act as a benchmark, ensuring that social work students, educators, practitioners, managers and employers are able to uphold the highest possible standards and deliver the best quality of service.



The Professional Capabilities Framework

What will The College do?

“Having The College onboard would help me gain confidence. I could be supported in being assertive as a social worker and in protecting my profession.”

- Practical standards for public protection in social work.
- Working with the inspectorates.
- Development of a recognition scheme and incentives for employers.
- Provision of expert advice to social workers regarding employer issues.
- Provision of access to learning resources and encouraging CPD.

The Munro Review

How is The College involved?

- The College is chairing the 'media and public confidence' subgroup for the Munro Review.
- Recommendations for improving media and public confidence are being developed.
- The College will work with Munro Review to publicise recommendations.
- The College will assist in implementation of recommendations.

What difference will The College make?

The College will guide and navigate social workers through every aspect of their careers by:

- Strengthening the profession.
- Providing a trusted, unified voice.
- Providing vital support to social workers and employers, through tangible membership benefits.



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