**Job title: Social Worker**

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| **Job title: Social Worker** | Social workers help to protect vulnerable children and adults from harm or abuse, and support people to live independently. |
| **Entry requirements:**  | You can do a degree or postgraduate qualification in social work approved by the Health and Care Professions Council.You could do a 2-year postgraduate degree in social work, if you have a degree in another subject.You may be eligible for social work funding.Entry requirementsYou'll usually need:* 5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 4 (A\* to C) or above and 2 to 3 A levels
* a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course

You can complete a social worker degree apprenticeship.**Entry requirements**You'll usually need:* 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) and college qualifications like A levels for a degree apprenticeship
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| **Skills required:**  | You'll need:* counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
* sensitivity and understanding
* patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
* to be flexible and open to change
* the ability to work well with others
* knowledge of psychology
* the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
* active listening skills
* being able to use a computer terminal or hand-held device may be beneficial for this job.
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| **What you'll do:**  | 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
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| **What you’ll earn:**  | * Starter: £24,000
* Experienced: £40,000

*These figures are a guide.* |
| **Working hours, patterns and environment:** | * You could work in an office, in an NHS or private hospital, at an adult care home, at a children's care home or in the community.
* Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.
* 37 to 40 hours a week
* Evenings, weekends, bank holidays on a rota
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| **Career path and progression:** | * During your first year in work your employer may offer the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE). This includes extra support like:
1. regular supervision
2. a training and development plan
3. time to meet your training and development needs
* You'll need to pass your ASYE in the first 12 months of being employed so that you can get your fitness to practice certificate.
* When you've completed your ASYE, you'll be given a training pathway to keep your skills current and to help you progress. Each local authority will have a career pathway, with some offering the chance to study for an MA in Advanced Professional Practice.
* With experience, you'll usually find opportunities to progress into management, research or study for a PhD. You could also become a practice educator and train and mentor students from your partner university.
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