

Education and training: COVID-19 admissions and placements survey

1. Introduction

Please complete the survey by midday **Tuesday 23 June 2020**

The survey is open to all social work course providers and organisations/employers who deliver practice placement opportunities.

Why we're asking you to complete the survey

Social work education and training providers have been working hard to respond and adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic over the last few months. We have heard of the continued challenges faced by course providers and employers as they continue with recruitment and admissions, and the organisation and delivery of placements.

Following regular discussions with stakeholders and our education and training advisory forum, we have decided that a data capture exercise is now necessary.

This survey has been developed in partnership with Skills for Care and will provide us with a snapshot of current and anticipated challenges as we move into the "new normal".

By completing the survey, you will help inform our strategic approach as we strive to support the continuation of high-quality social work education and training provision for future social workers.

Which questions you need to answer

You do not need to answer all survey questions. See below for more information about which questions you need to answer.

Questions 1 to 6: who are you? (questions for all)

These are mandatory questions that will identify who you are and which organisation you represent.

Questions 7 to 11: admissions (questions for course providers)

These questions focus on capturing numerical data on:

- the expected number of graduates this year the number of new students over the next 18 months
- data on admissions for the last 3 years

- qualitative questions around anticipated challenges

Questions 12 to 17: placements (questions for course providers)

These questions focus on placement capacity from the point of view of the course provider and aim to capture:

- challenges in delivering placements any improvements to placements because of the pandemic challenges for final year students during the pandemic

Questions 18 to 24: placements (questions for placement providers/employers)

The questions aim to capture numerical data on:

- the anticipated number of available placements historical data on available placement
- challenges of delivering placement adjustments
- challenges in helping students achieve learning outcomes

How we will use the information you share

We want to be transparent about the nature of the research we are conducting, the way in which the data is collected and how we will use survey results.

The information you provide will be treated as confidential and will only be used for research purposes and internal decision making. Your comments will not be identified as belonging to you. Instead, they will be combined with those gathered from other survey participants and will be analysed as part of a group.

Survey responses will not be published on our website. We may publish aggregated information about admissions and placements and share this information with stakeholders. However, survey responses will be anonymised and aggregated and analysed as a group before disseminating.

We will handle any personal data received in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

We are required to adhere to [The Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(FOIA\)](#). The act provides public access to information held by public authorities. This means that we may be required to make information available under FOIA about approved courses and applications for approval. We will comply with the Code of Practice under FOIA with respect to confidentiality obligations when responding to requests. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or email our enquiries team on enquiries@socialworkengland.org.uk

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Further questions

If you have any further questions, please send an email to Matthew Byng, Education & Training Policy Manager: matthew.byng@socialworkengland.org.uk.

2. Who are you?

1. What is your name? *

2. What is your job role? *

3. What is your email address? *

4. Which region is your organisation based in? *

- Yorkshire & Humber
- North West
- London
- South West
- Midlands
- South East
- Eastern
- North East

5. What is your organisation's name? *

6. Is your organisation: *

- Course Provider
- Placement Provider

Other (please specify):

3. Admissions (Course Provider)

7. How many students do you expect to graduate on time this year?

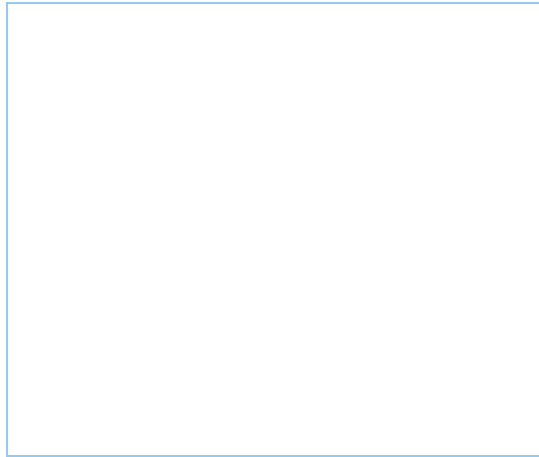
8. What percentage of students do you expect to graduate this year?

9. How many students did you recruit on your social work programmes over the last 3 years (Please provide a breakdown by course, and by year)

10. How many students do you expect to join your social work programmes(s) over the next year? (Please provide a breakdown by course)

11. What admissions challenges do you anticipate over the next 18 months that Social Work England should be aware of?

- Carrying out tests/assessments online
- involvement of people with lived experience
- Deferral of place on course
- Other (please specify):



4. Placements (Education Provider)

12. What, if any, is your anticipated available placement shortfall? (Please break this down by programme, year and statutory/non-statutory placement)

13. What, if any, is your anticipated shortfall of students to undertake placement? (Please break this down by programme/year)

14. What are the main challenges to social work placements that your organisation is facing because of COVID-19?

15. Considering your organisations' response to COVID-19, are there any placement learning outcomes or skills development that have been more difficult to achieve with the adjustments?

16. Has your organisation implemented any additional arrangements for final year students as a response to COVID-19? (such as an additional placement, skills development, end point assessments or additional induction days to the ASYE years)

17. Is there any further information that you would like to share with Social Work England?

5. Placements (Placement Provider)

18. How many placements will you be able to offer over the next 18 months? (Please break this down by student type – UG/PG/Apprenticeship)

19. Does this differ from previous estimates, or from previous years due to COVID-19?

Yes

No

If YES, please provide more detail

20. What are the main challenges to social work placements that your organisation is facing because of COVID-19?

21. Considering your organisations' response to COVID-19, are there learning outcomes in the placement that have been more difficult to achieve with the adjustments?

22. For students who have been able to continue with placements, are there areas of learning that have been improved as a result of COVID-19 adjustments?

23. Are there aspects of this year's placement that have been dropped, missed or are inadequate? (e.g. what are the negatives that students may experience having completed their placement during this time?)

24. Has your organisation put in place any additional training and skills arrangements for newly qualified social workers joining your organisation?

- Yes
- No

If YES, please provide further detail