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*A major new textbook series from the British Association of Social Workers (BASW) and The Policy Press*

## **Social Work in Practice**

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### **Rationale**

This important series aims to set new standards in introducing social workers to the ideas, values and knowledge base necessary for professional practice. These core texts are for students undertaking professional training at all levels reflecting the current curricula of the new social work degree and post-qualifying programmes. They will also fulfil the needs of qualified staff seeking to update their skills or move into new areas of practice. The texts will be written by leading authors in their fields and will be evaluated in detail by experts, practitioners, and educationalists to ground them firmly in the world of practice. Current or former service users will also comment on each text in order to ensure the user perspective is reflected.

### **Objectives**

The series will:

- contribute to the development of social work education to produce reflective, well-informed, knowledge-based and challenging professionals
- provide accessible, useful and stimulating student texts that are an essential resource as well as an enjoyable read
- draw on a problem based learning approach building from practice scenarios
- be informed by theory, research, policy, legislation and service-user perspectives
- be underpinned by a commitment to valuing difference and diversity

## **Books in the series will provide the reader with an understanding of:**

- practice
- theoretical perspectives
- policy and legislation
- evidence-based practice
- ethics and values
- organisational context

## **Each of the texts will:**

- be learning and teaching-based, clearly written and accessible
- be linked to the learning pathways for social workers
- develop knowledge from practice scenarios, using a problem based learning approach
- be underpinned by a range of theories with relevance and potential explained
- summarise key policy, guidance and legislation
- include analysis of research evidence
- be informed by user perspectives
- explore ethical and values issues, and address issues of difference and diversity
- provide student-friendly features e.g. glossary, summary, questions/exercises, further reading/links to resources
- 'make a difference' and demonstrate social work's potential to be transformative

## **Readership**

The series will be essential reading for undergraduate, postgraduate and post-qualifying students in social work as well as practitioners undertaking continuing professional development. The series is initially focusing on the UK context; however, it is envisaged that, as the series develops, authors will be drawn from the international social work community, reflecting the increasingly global agenda in social work.

## **Published titles**

- *Social work: making a difference* by Vivienne Cree and Steve Myers, May 2008
- *Social work and multi-agency working* edited by Kate Morris, May 2008
- *Youth justice in practice* by Bill Whyte, November 2008
- *Radical social work in practice* by Iain Ferguson and Rona Woodward, May 2009
- *Religion, belief and social work* by Sheila Furness and Philip Gilligan, October 2009

## **Contracted titles**

- *Social work and people with learning difficulties* by Susan Hunter
- *Alcohol, drugs and social work* by Sarah Galvani
- *Residential child care in practice* by Mark Smith and Leon Fulcher
- *Social work with asylum seekers and refugees* by Benedict Fell and Peter Fell
- *Communicating with children and young people* by Michelle Lefevre
- *Community social work in practice* by Mark Baldwin and Barbara Teater

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