

Social worker

Job description



Ex. 1. Read the text and complete the gaps with the words below.

Social workers work with (1)..... and ensure that **vulnerable** people, including children and adults are safeguarded from harm. Their role is to provide **support** to enable service users to help themselves. They maintain professional (2)....., acting as **guides** and advocates. They sometimes need to use their professional judgment to make tough decisions that might not always be well received by all service users.

Social workers work in a variety of settings within a framework of relevant legislation and procedures, supporting individuals, families and groups within the community. Settings may include (3)..... or the premises of other public sector and voluntary organisations. Social workers tend to specialise in supporting either children and families or vulnerable adults.

It can be a challenging role, occasionally receiving a lot of media attention which is sometimes negative when (4)..... As a result of this the government is putting more measures in place to support and develop a strong **workforce** of social workers. Qualified social work professionals are sometimes supported by social work assistants. They also work closely with other professionals in health and social care.

Social workers can work (5)..... In a statutory position a social worker's role is to adhere to the laws that exist to protect the vulnerable clients that they work with. Social workers have **a duty** to abide by the legislation and a power to enforce it. In non-statutory roles social workers still work with a similar client group but are not specifically **responsible** for enforcing the law. Social workers in non-statutory roles are often employed in the **charity** sector or in specialist roles such as providing support for drug and alcohol users, homeless people and people with mental health issues. They can also be employed in early intervention roles that (6)..... in society to where statutory services are required.

- a. *things go seriously wrong*
- b. *in both statutory and non-statutory roles*
- c. *people to support them through difficult times*
- d. *aim to prevent the escalation of problems*
- e. *the service user's home or schools, hospitals*
- f. *relationships with service users*

Ex. 2. Match the highlighted words to their translations.

- a. _____ - *pomoc, wsparcie*
b. _____ - *instytucja charytatywna, organizacja dobroczynna*
c. _____ - *odpowiedzialny*
d. _____ - *obowiązek*
e. _____ - *przewodnicy*
f. _____ - *wrażliwy; podatny na zranienie, narażony*
g. _____ - *siła robocza, potencjał ludzki*

GLOSSARY

- to ensure – zapewniać, gwarantować
- to enable – umożliwić
- **statutory** - ustawowy, prawny, statutowy
- legislation – ustawodawstwo
- adhere - stosować się do (czegoś)
- to abide by - przestrzegać, stosować się do
- to enforce – wprowadzać, egzekwować
- judgement – sąd, opinia
- setting –miejsce, otoczenie
- safeguarded - chroniony

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