

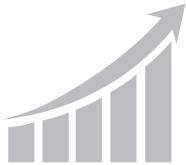
Social workers on the Register – 1 April 2018

Factsheet

What are the key points?

Social workers have been registered with us since **2003**

6,133 social workers are registered, an increase from **5,965** last year



5,494 are currently working in social care

The Register of social workers is well established and numbers have remained steady

What are the trends?

The ratio of women to men has remained mostly unchanged at **4:1**

The percentage of social workers who changed jobs in the last three years increased from **37% in 2013 to 48%**

The percentage of social workers employed by a local authority remains unchanged since **2013 at 75%**

The percentage of social workers who spoke some or fluent Welsh increased from **34% in 2013 to 38% in 2018**

How many social workers left and joined the Register?

208 social workers left the Register and **376** joined



Why did social workers leave?

51% did not maintain their registration

21% retired

3 social workers were removed by a fitness to practise committee

What qualifications do social workers hold?



43% hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Social Work

40% hold a Diploma in Social Work

14% hold an older accepted social work qualification

3% qualified outside the UK

Where are social workers employed?

75% work in **local authority social services**

6% work in the **third sector**

4% are **self-employed**

12% of social worker have been in their current role for more than **10 years**

48% of social workers have changed to a new role within the last three years



What is the profile of the social workers?

There are **4,973 women** and **1,160 men**



Their average age is **46**

87.8% of social workers are white, white British, white Welsh or white Irish

37.6% of social workers spoke some **Welsh** or were fluent

