

For immediate release

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New resources to support the SSSC Codes of Practice

We are sending out new resources to help social services promote and use the SSSC Codes of Practice with staff and people who use services, their families and carers.

More than 8000 social services covering adult, children and social work services will receive the resource pack which includes new Codes of Practice posters and leaflets and materials for people who use services about what they can expect from workers.

The posters feature social service workers from a range of services who helped us by taking part in a major photography project as part of the new resource development.

SSSC Chief Executive Anna Fowlie said: 'The Codes of Practice guide the work of social service workers and employers every day and these new resources will help support them to use and talk about them more, including with people who use services, their families and carers.

'It's important that employers, staff and the people who use services know about the Codes and the behaviours and values set out in them and these new resources will support those discussions.

'I'm particularly pleased that workers from a range of social services are featured in these new resources so they properly reflect the workforce and I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to take part.'

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Notes to the editor

Workers from services across Dundee and Angus feature in the materials.

Services will receive their resource packs during April. Services can ask for extra copies by emailing communications@sssc.uk.com

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Background

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is the regulator for the social service workforce in Scotland. Our work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce.

We protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. Where people fall below the standards of practice and conduct we can investigate and take action.

We:

- publish the national codes of practice for people working in social services and their employers
- register people working in social services and make sure they adhere to our codes of practice
- promote and regulate the learning and development of the social service workforce
- are the national lead for workforce development and planning for social services in Scotland.

Each country in the UK has its own regulatory body that is responsible for the registration and regulation of social workers and/or social service workers in their country. They are: the Social Care Wales, the Northern Ireland Social Care Council and the Scottish Social Services Council. The Health and Care Professions Council regulates social workers in England only.

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