

ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS RELEVANT TO SOCIAL WORK

A

AASW	Advanced Award in Social Work
ABAG	Awarding Bodies Action Group
ABI	Area Based Initiative
ACAS	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service
ACEVO	Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations
ACF	Association of Charitable Foundations
ACFHE	Association of Colleges for Further and Higher Education
ACIE	Association of Charity Independent Examiners
ACOP	Association of Chief Officers of Probation
ACPO	Assistant Chief Probation Officer
ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ACTAN	Association of Care Training and Assessment Networks
ADASS	The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
ADC	Association of District Councils
ADCS	The Association of Directors of Children's Services
AIG	Advisory Implementation Group
AMHP	Approved Mental Health Professional
AOC	Association of Colleges
APL	Accreditation of Prior Learning
AP(C)L	Accreditation of Prior Certificated Learning
AP(E)L	Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning
APSW	Association of Professors of Social Work
ARC	Association for Real Change
ARVAC	Association for Research in the Voluntary & Community Sector
ASYE	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment
AWOL	Absent Without Leave

B

BAAF	British Association for Adoption and Fostering
BASSAC	British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres
BASW	British Association of Social Workers
BCODP	British Council of Disabled People
BFCHP	British Federation of Care Home Proprietors
BIA	Best Interest Assessor
BPS	British Psychological Society
BSG	British Society of Gerontology

C

CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
CACHE	Council for Awards in Children's Care and Education
CAF	Charities Aid Foundation
CAFCASS	Children and Families Court Advisory and Support Service
CAIPE	Centre for Advancement of Inter-Professional Education
CAL	Computer Assisted Learning
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CCG	Community Care Grant
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CCW	Care Council for Wales
CFWI	Centre for Workforce Intelligence
CHRE	Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence
CLS	Community Legal Service
COVER	Community and Voluntary Forum
CPA	Care Programme Approach
CPA	Centre for Policy on Ageing
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CPN	Community Psychiatric Nurse
CPO	Chief Probation Officer
CQC	Care Quality Commission
CRB	Criminal Records Bureau
CSA	Child Support Agency
CTO	Community Treatment Order
CWDC	Children's Workforce Development Council

D

DDA	Disability Discrimination Act
DET	Disability Equality Training
DfE	Department for Education
DH	Department of Health
DWP	Department for Work and Pensions

E

ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
EOC	Equal Opportunities Commission
ESF	European Social Fund
ESOL	English for Speakers of Other Languages
EWG	Education Working Group of The Social Work Reform Board

F

FMA Foundation Modern Apprenticeships

G

GNVQ General National Vocational Qualification
GSCC General Social Care Council

H

HAZ Health Action Zone
HCPC Health & Care Professions Council (anticipated new name for
HPC from August 2012 onwards)
HEA Higher Education Academy
HEFCE Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEI Higher Education Institutes
HESA Higher Education Statistics Agency
HIN Higher Inequalities Network
HO Home Office
HPC Health Professions Council
HSE Health and Safety Executive
HWB Health and Wellbeing Board

I

ICO Integrated Care Organisations
IHA Independent Healthcare Association
ILF Independent Living Fund
IPE Inter-Professional Education
IMCA Independent Mental Capacity Advocate
IMHA Independent Mental Health Advocate

J

JAB Joint Awarding Bodies
JIP Joint Investment Programme
JMC Joint Management Committee
JSWEC Joint Social Work Education Conference
JSWU Joint Social Work Unit
JUC Joint University Council
JUC SWEC Joint University Council Social Work Education Committee

K

KSF	Knowledge & Skills Framework
K/S/V	Knowledge /Skills/Values

L

LEI	Local Employment Initiative
LGA	Local Government Association
LGIU	Local Government Information Unit
LSC	Learning and Skills Council
LSSA	Local Social Services Authority
LtC	Learn to Care

M

MHAC	Mental Health Act Commission
MHNE	Mental Health in Higher Education Project
Munro	Munro review of child protection

N

NAAPS	National Association of Adult Placements
NAGALRO	The Professional Association for Children's Guardians, Family Court Advisers and Independent Social Workers
NAO	National Audit Office
NAPO	National Association of Probation Officers
NASWE	National Association of Social Workers in Education
NCB	National Children's Bureau
NCSC	National Care Standards Commission
NCVO	National Council of Voluntary Organisations
NCVQ	National Council for Vocational Qualifications
NDC	National Disability Council
NFP	Not For Profit
NGO	Non Governmental Organisation
NHS	National Health Service
NMDS	National Minimum Data Set
NISCC	Northern Ireland Social Care Council
NMS	National Minimum Standards
NOPT	National Organisation of Practice Teachers
NOS	National Occupational Standards
NSF	National Service Framework
NVQ	National Vocational Qualification

O

Ofsted	Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills
OHS	Occupational Health Service
OSC	Occupational Standards Committee

P

PCF	Professional Capabilities Framework
PCT	Primary Care Trust
PE	Practice Educator
PI	Performance Indicator
PPI	Patient and Public Involvement
PQ	Post Qualifying
PQCCA	Post Qualifying Child Care Award
PQF	Post qualifying framework of the GSCC
PQSW	Post Qualifying Award in Social Work
PR	Policy Review
PT	Practice Teaching
PTA	Practice Teaching Award

Q

QAA	Quality Assurance Agency
QCA	Qualifications and Curriculum Authority

R

RDA	Regional Development Agency
RDO	Regional Development Officer
REC	Racial Equality Council

S

SCA	Social Care Association
SCIE	Social Care Institute for Excellence
SCR	Serious Case Reviews
SCT	Supervised Community Treatment
SfC	Skills for Care
SIPs	Social Inclusion Partnerships
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SME	Small to Medium Enterprises
SOAD	Second Opinion Appointed Doctors
SOLNUN	Shaping our Lives (National Users Network)
SSC	Sector Skills Council

SSD	Social Services Department
SSC	Scottish Social Services Council
SWAP	Higher Education Academy Subject Centre for Social Policy and Social Work
SWAN	Social Work Action Network
SWEG	Social Work Education Grant
SWEP	Social Work Education Participation Group
SWRB	The Social Work Reform Board
SWTF	Social Work Task Force
SWU	Social Workers Union

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TCSW	The College of Social Work
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U

UCAS	The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service
UKHCA	UK Home Care Association
UUK	Universities UK

V

VCS	Voluntary and Community Sector
VETQ	Vocational education, Training and Qualification
VQ	Vocational Qualification
VRQ	Vocational Related Qualification
VSN	Voluntary Sector Network

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WDD	Workforce Development Directorate
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