

Curriculum Vitae
Dr Ruth Allen - Chief Executive British Association of Social Workers (BASW)

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Qualifications & Professional Membership/ Registration

BA (Hons) Geography- University of Oxford - 1987
Master of Social Work and CQSW – University of Sussex – Distinction - 1994
Approved Social Worker – CCETSW - 1997
PGDip Applied Systemic Theory – Tavistock and Portman/University of East London - 1999
SCIE Social Care Leadership Development Programme - 2006
Professional Doctorate University of Sussex - 2008
PGDip – Executive Coaching and Mentoring - 2021 – Present (in process)
Registered Social Worker in England 2003 - Present
Member Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations - Present

Current employment: 2016-present

Chief Executive of BASW, the independent professional association for social work and social workers across the UK. Key responsibilities summary:

- Accountable to Board and Chair for all aspects of BASW's UK operations, services, strategy, finances, governance and organisational development
- Providing UK-wide professional leadership in social work e.g. writing, presenting, public speaking in national and international forums, influencing senior leaders and politicians
- Representing the profession in national media - tv, radio, press, social media, podcasts
- Lead officer for academic international publishing arms of BASW
- Lead delegate for BASW to International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). Member of IFSW Europe Executive. IFSW Head of Delegation and elected member of CINGO Standing Committee.

Previous Work Experience

- 2004 – 2016: Director of social work and social care in large National Health Service mental health organisations in London & Hertfordshire, UK. Extensive professional skill, knowledge and leadership across learning disabilities, forensic, adults, children and other specialist mental health and social work services. Specialist in mental health law and rights, co-production and participation of experts by experience and family carers
- 2014 – 2016: part time Research Fellow, St George's, University of London
- 2005-2007: Department of Health regional lead for social care and mental health
- 1998-2004 Manager of multi-professional health services Tower Hamlets/City of London
- 1994-1998 Social worker and team leader in homelessness, social care and health outreach and resettlement service
- 1988-1992 Various roles in voluntary and health organisations in fields of homelessness, mental health, women's rights and resettlement from institutional care.

Selection of recent/relevant publications

Ravalier, JM, Allen, RE, McGowan, J (2023) *Social Worker Working Conditions and Psychological Health: A Longitudinal Study*. British Journal of Social Work (53)1
Allen, R: (2022) *The Professional Capabilities Framework in England* in Opacic, A (Ed) *Social Work in the Frame of a Professional Competencies Approach*
Allen, R & Buzzi, P (2020) *Social Media and Mental Health Social Work* in Megele, C & Buzzi, P (2020) *Social Media and Social Work*. Bristol, Policy Press.
Mantovani, N & Allen, R. (2017) – *Improving Responses to domestic violence in secondary mental health services in Wandsworth*. A mixed-methods study. London: WWCCG