

# Requirements for the Advanced Award in Social Work (AASW)

## Core Requirements

In meeting the general requirements all candidates must:

- a)** demonstrate analysis and critical reflection which informs and influences practice, policy and service provision;
- b)** provide evidence of a commitment to sustaining the values of social work in the light of continuing social and political change and be able to define and develop policies and practices accordingly.

## General Requirements

All candidates must:

**AA1** provide evidence of significant contribution to the development, delivery and evaluation of the service provided in a chosen area by demonstrating the ability to research, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate strategies for improvement or change;

**AA2** demonstrate critical appraisal of relevant theoretical models, policies and law, in their chosen area, including knowledge of local, national and UK perspectives;

**AA3** demonstrate skilled use of a wide repertoire of methods and be able to select and use the most effective approach to meeting consumer need for the different aspects of their work;

**AA4** demonstrate competence in enhancing the capabilities of others as a means of informing and improving practice or service delivery;

**AA5** demonstrate highly developed skills in strategic networking, negotiation and collaboration;

**AA6** demonstrate competence in responding to and managing change in their chosen area, including the ability to respond to unintended outcomes;

**AA7** demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the impact of relevant policy, practice and institutions within the European or international context in order to inform practice or service development;

**AA8** provide evidence of leadership in their chosen field, including the ability to work independently, and to be accountable, in fulfilling the responsibilities of their role.

# Requirements for the Post Qualifying Award in Social Work (PQSW)

## Core Requirements

In meeting the general requirements all candidates must:

- a)** evaluate the effectiveness of their practice using a relevant knowledge base, including an understanding of legal and policy contexts and appropriate research;
- b)** demonstrate an explicit adherence to the values of social work and to the provision of ethically sound practice.

## General Requirements

All candidates must demonstrate:

### Part I

**PQ1** that they have improved and extended the level of competence acquired by the point of qualification;

### Part II

**PQ2** competence in working effectively in complex situations;

**PQ3** competence in exercising the powers and responsibilities of a professional social worker, including the appropriate use of discretion and the management of risk;

**PQ4** ability to make informed decisions;

**PQ5** competence in identifying and maintaining purposeful networks and collaborative arrangements;

**PQ6** competence in enabling others through management, supervision, consultation, practice teaching or direct contributions to education and training.