

# REFORM OF SOCIAL WORK TRAINING

## PROGRESS REPORT – September 2003

▪ <b>Project</b>	▪ <b>Actions</b>	▪ <b>Outcomes</b>	▪ <b>Issues/next steps</b>
<b>1.Funding Bids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding allocation 2003/04 received</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial allocations offered to key interests to support development work in 2003/04</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further work on project costings to allow continuing development work to proceed</li> <li>▪ Meeting to be arranged to discuss budget with finance.</li> </ul>
<b>2.Framework specification:</b>  <b>2a Academic Curriculum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus group to identify priority areas for development held June 2003.</li> <li>▪ Two working groups established to develop curriculum guidance for Preparation for Practice and N.I Context.</li> <li>▪ Dissemination of Framework Document – available on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Framework Document disseminated and available on the website</li> <li>▪ Essential areas for curriculum guidance identified</li> <li>▪ Template has been prepared</li> <li>▪ Two working groups set up to begin work on immediate priority areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional essential Curriculum Guidance to be commissioned – Project Team exploring possibilities including links with SCIE</li> </ul>
<b>2b Practice Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues paper developed</li> <li>▪ Strategic project group established</li> <li>▪ Dissemination of practice learning requirements – available on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues paper available</li> <li>▪ First meeting of strategic project group held</li> <li>▪ Practice Learning Requirements disseminated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop and implement new practice learning provision in voluntary and statutory PSS sectors and in Educational Welfare and Criminal Justice. (Sept-Dec2003)Circular to be issued by Chief Inspector</li> </ul>
<b>3. Assessed Year in Employment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues paper to be available end Nov 2003</li> <li>▪ PQ1 monitoring used to inform issues paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consultation on issues paper begins Dec onwards</li> <li>▪ Implementation issues identified and costed following consultation</li> </ul>

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<b>4. Quality Assurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ QA Approval requirements discussed with key interests</li> <li>▪ Approval requirements tabled with Council August 2003</li> <li>▪ QA arrangements included in rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council endorsement of Approval Requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Publish approval arrangements</li> <li>▪ Meet with key stakeholders to consider operational issues of approval and agree procedures</li> <li>▪ Draft monitoring and review arrangements</li> </ul>
<b>5. Rules and requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DHHSPS consent to Rules</li> <li>▪ Rules published and disseminated - available on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rules disseminated and available on website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Workshops for course providers</li> <li>▪ Further requirements to be developed</li> </ul>
<b>6. Award arrangements.</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No arrangements for separate award.</li> <li>▪ Rules cover this issue.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Student Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Detailed costings completed</li> <li>▪ Discussions held with DEL</li> <li>▪ Ministerial announcement July 2003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New student funding arrangements publicised</li> <li>▪ Student funding leaflet available August 2003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promotion of funding schemes - Sept – Dec 2003</li> <li>▪ Advertisement and recruitment to trainee scheme Sept/Oct 2003</li> </ul>
<b>8. Regional Partnership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appointment of Project Officer</li> <li>▪ Nominations sought and received</li> <li>▪ Interim Chair arranged</li> <li>▪ 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting held 4 Sept 03</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional Body established</li> <li>▪ Action plan agreed</li> <li>▪ Agreement to develop regional arrangements for admissions to Degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional Body to progress action plan</li> </ul>

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<b>9. Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Government officials meeting ceased July 2003</li> <li>▪ Council government officials will now consider reform of social work training issues</li> <li>▪ Chief Executives 4 country meetings</li> <li>▪ NISCC links with NSWQB ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key issues discussed throughout development phase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue to monitor alignment issues</li> </ul>
<b>10. Other Student Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Advice given to all education institutions re UCAS</li> <li>▪ Implementation of recruitment strategy has commenced</li> <li>▪ Information packs and leaflets updated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ P/T Information Officer recruited</li> <li>▪ UCAS information reflects social work training opportunities in NI</li> <li>▪ Information leaflets available</li> <li>▪ Open Days for undergraduates</li> <li>▪ ad for social work trainees in local press (9/9/03)</li> <li>▪ Promotion of social work training at Jobscene</li> <li>▪ See Regional Body (admissions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Admissions system to be developed to monitor NI applications * (see Regional Body)</li> <li>▪ Outcomes of Recruitment Strategy and Admissions 2004 to be monitored</li> </ul>
<b>11. PQ1 Policy Implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring systems in place to inform developments on assessed year in employment as well as the impact of PQ1 policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TSP bids made by voluntary sector and HSS Boards for monies to support PQ1</li> <li>▪ PQ1 Policy implemented in HSS Trusts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 using agreed “learning plan”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring outcomes collated.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Reference Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2003</li> </ul>		
<b>13. Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further Roadshows for extended audience (more</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further Roadshows planned</li> <li>▪ Meetings with education institutions,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How to ensure that information and communications get shared</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sectors)</li> <li>▪ Implementation of rest of revised strategy, including recruitment.</li> <li>▪ Responding to and initiating attendance at appropriate forums</li> </ul>	DipSW partnerships, Board areas	appropriately by all involved
<b>14. Post Qualifying Framework Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1<sup>st</sup> stage consultation commenced 8/9 Sept 2003</li> <li>▪ Issues paper developed</li> <li>▪ 2<sup>nd</sup> stage consultation planned for 8 October 2003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues paper available</li> <li>▪ Consultation underway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Workshops planned for October – venue Airport Hotel</li> <li>▪ Paper to be issued by 2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> <li>▪ Review to be completed by December 2003</li> </ul>
<b>15. Transitional Arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Issues discussed with all DipSW Management Boards</li> <li>▪ Regional Transitional Group agreed</li> <li>▪ First meeting agreed for 5 Sept 2003</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regional Transitional Group – established and first meeting held.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pressure points identified and remedies/supports agreed</li> </ul>
<b>16. Widening Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report on Access to Degree for relevant graduates published and disseminated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report disseminated and available on website</li> <li>▪ Work on access for relevant graduates completed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Widening participation to replace relevant graduate project</li> <li>▪ Priorities to be agreed</li> </ul>
<b>17. Practice Teachers: the future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Project.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paper on practice learning arrangements will inform this work.</li> </ul>
<b>18. Tutors: Standards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Project.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Link with development of Council requirements.</li> </ul>