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Social worker reform

Career development and pay proposals must be properly funded

The logo for Social Work England, featuring the words "Social Work England" in a bold, sans-serif font. The word "Social" is on the top line, "Work" is on the middle line, and "England" is on the bottom line. To the right of the text, there are three overlapping, hand-drawn style loops in a dark blue color.

Government must commit to social worker reform

The Independent Review of Children's Social Care was published this week.

In response, UNISON general secretary Christina McAnea said: "Heavy caseloads have left many social workers facing burnout. They're forced to firefight instead of spending quality time improving children's lives.

"Suggested reforms in this review could make all the difference and will be welcomed by many social work staff.

"Strengthening family support teams would provide the in-depth service families deserve.

"Proposed changes to career development and progression

when social workers join the profession - and new specialist posts - could prove game changing. Better pay is vital, but urgent discussions are needed on how to achieve this.

"This report recognises changes to the sector and better services for children and families will only happen with significant additional funding. National government must now step up with the additional cash to put these reforms into action."

Read the full report [here](#).

Read the executive summary [here](#).

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