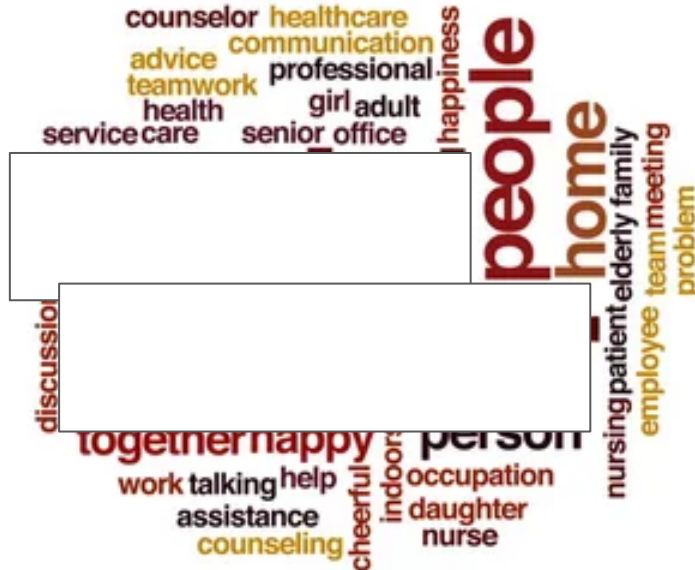


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CAREERS LESSON

Do Now: Guess the career based on the word bubble below



Discussion:

How do you think the role of a social worker links to 'Boys Don't Cry'?

Hint: Think about what Dante is considering doing with Emma

Pre - Lesson Quiz



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What do you think being a social worker involves?

Mindmapping: You have 2 minutes, independently to write down what you think a social worker does and what you need to become a social worker (qualifications)

Social Worker!



How does this career link to the subject of English?

Now we are going to look at some skills you have learnt from this half term.

TASK: working in pairs, match the skill to the reason why that skill is important in the role of a Social worker.

The Skill You Are Learning
Figuring out the hidden meaning in what people say and do (reading between the lines).
The ability to make good first judgments about people and understand how a person's life history has shaped who they are.
Understanding the bigger picture of social issues (like racism or issues around sexuality) and how they directly affect a person's life.
Analysing how cultural ideas (like "toxic masculinity") influence how a person acts and relates to others.
The skill of looking at a problem from many different viewpoints and tackling tough moral issues.
The ability to look at a situation (like a family) and analyse how the different parts connect and influence the whole.
The ability to argue convincingly for a client and communicate clearly, accurately, and professionally.
Building strong writing, reading, and specialized language skills.
The ability to take criticism, think about your performance, and commit to learning.

Why is This Important to the Role of a Social Worker?
Staying Accountable and Growing Professionally: You must always reflect on your work, fix your weaknesses, and constantly learn new skills to do your job better.
Fair and Equal Treatment: Helps you see how unfair systems and social problems can cause distress and inequality for the people you help.
Seeing the Whole System: Essential for figuring out how a client's home, family, friends, and community all work together to create their current situation.
Figuring Out Why Problems Start: Crucial for understanding the deep reasons behind harmful behaviour and planning ways to fix it.
Making Good Decisions: You constantly have to balance conflicting needs (like keeping someone safe versus respecting their freedom) and make ethical choices you can stand by.
Speaking Up for Clients and Record Keeping: You need to write clear reports, successfully argue for your clients' needs in meetings or court, and keep excellent records.
Getting Along and Planning Care: Essential for quickly building trust and understanding the client's past problems, motivations, and needs without judging them.
Clear Communication: Ensures you write and speak precisely when talking to police, doctors, lawyers, and other official organizations.
Working out Safety and Risk: Helps you make smart, safe decisions by looking past what a client says directly and considering all the confusing details.

A Day in the Life of a Social Worker

We are now going to watch a video from a Social worker called Omar.

Pay attention to how he becomes a social worker.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd6mp9q>

Labour Market Information (LMI)

Starting Salary: £33,000

Working hours: 37 hours (sometimes work evenings and weekends)

Holidays: 28 days per year

Job availability-

- High demand for social workers across the country
- Currently 54 jobs advertising for social workers in Greater Manchester (GOV)
- Most in demand positions:
 - Mental health, child and family protection, and adult/ elderly care

Option 1: Whiteboard Situational Test

A situational test is a type of assessment that **evaluates how a person would react to hypothetical workplace scenarios.**

Over the next few slides, you will be given a scenario a social worker will likely face in their job role.

You will need to choose **how** you respond to the situation using the options on the board.

You will be told after you have selected your response which is best way to respond in the role as a social worker.

Option 1: Whiteboard Situational Test

The Situation: A Year 9 student, Alex, a quiet student, has suddenly stopped eating lunch. When asked, Alex lies, claiming they "don't like school dinners." You receive a secret tip from another student that Alex is being persistently bullied and that the bully was seen taking Alex's lunch money. Alex has not reported the bullying.

Would you...

- A. Confront the bully immediately and demand they return the money
- B. Tell Alex's parents immediately that Alex is being bullied and that you suspect money is being stolen.
- C. Meet with Alex privately to build trust, then gently explain that you are worried about their safety and want to help them tell their story.
- D. Recommend the school put Alex in a different class immediately to separate them without discussing it with Alex first.

Option 1: Whiteboard Situational Test

The Situation: Your client, Maya (14), posted a mean, edited photo of another student (Sam) on social media with a caption using a harmful cultural stereotype. Sam's parents are very upset. Maya defends her actions by saying, "It was just a joke! I didn't mean to be prejudiced."

Would you...

A. Ask Maya why she chose the photo/stereotype, and then explore the wider harm by asking, "How does sharing that image make Sam feel, and how does it affect other students from that background?"

B. Tell Maya her post was illegal hate speech and that she faces serious consequences.

C. Ban Maya from all social media for six months.

D. Arrange a public apology meeting in front of the entire class.

Option 1: Whiteboard Situational Test

The Situation: Your client, Ben (15), tells you in secret that his 17-year-old sibling is using family bill money to buy illegal drugs. Ben is scared and makes you promise to keep the secret, fearing legal trouble for the sibling and the family losing their home.

Would you...

A. Keep the secret completely to maintain Ben's trust.

B. Explain to Ben that you must break confidentiality to protect the family from serious harm, and plan to involve another responsible adult (e.g., manager, trusted parent) for help.

C. Immediately call the police to report the drug use and theft.

D. Tell Ben he must stop his sibling himself and offer him addiction resources to pass on.

Option 2: A Social Worker's file

It's now your turn to become a social worker!

You will be given a case file about Mia.

You must look at all the information to try and work out what is going on with Mia and find ways to support her.



Post - Lesson Quiz



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Exit Ticket



1. One thing you found interesting/surprising

1. State why someone would like to have this job in the future and why.

1. State how studying English can help you in this job/career
