

# Children's social work workforce census 2024 to 2025

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# **Version history**

| Version | Comments   | Date        |
|---------|--|-------------|
| 0.1     | <ul><li>Changes from previous year:</li><li>Rollover of dates</li><li>Additional COLLECT reports to report on new data items</li></ul> | June 2025   |
| 1.0     | Baselined version  | August 2025 |
|         |  |             |

#### **Related documents**

Children's social work workforce census, year ending 30 September 2025: guide

Children's social work workforce 2024 to 2025: <u>Business and technical specification</u>

Children's social work workforce 2024 to 2025: Validation rules

# 1. General notes for users of the children's social work workforce COLLECT reports

- The COLLECT (collections online for learning, education, children and teachers)
  reports show local authorities information on the validation rule queries, errors and
  notes associated with their 2024 to 2025 CSWW census return. They also provide
  each local authority with a summary of their headline statistics, which the Department
  for Education (DfE) will publish in February 2026.
- 2. Reports can be run from the 'launch reports' option within the CSWW (children's social work workforce) COLLECT blade.
- 3. The reports will be available to the Collector (DfE) and local authority contacts with COLLECT access. The DfE can access the reports for each local authority. Each local authority has access only to their own reports.
- 4. The reports show the current position.
- 5. All reports are exportable in the following formats: xml, csv, tiff, pdf, web archive and MS Excel.
- 6. The 2024 to 2025 CSWW census collects data for the period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.
- 7. The DataCollectionStartDate is 1 October 2024 (start of data collection reference period)
- 8. The DataCollectionEndDate is 30 September 2025 (end of data collection reference period).
- 9. Symbols used in the Data summary report specification:
  - = 'equal to'
  - >= 'greater than or equal to'
  - <= 'less than or equal to'
  - < 'less than'.

# 2. Error counts report

#### 2.1. Report description

This report provides local authorities with a count of their validation rule errors and queries.

# 2.2. Report criteria

| Section | Criteria  |  |
|---------|---|--|
| Rows    | The rows in the report show the validation errors and queries ordered by the number of occurrences (highest to lowest).   |  |
| Columns | 'Occurrences' – number of times the error/query occurs 'Validation Rule Number' – the validation rule number, as listed in the validation rules 'Error Message' – the error message, as specified in the validation rules |  |

# 3. Errors report

# 3.1. Report description

This report shows all the individual validation rule errors and queries for a local authority.

#### 3.2. Report criteria

| Section | Criteria  |
|---------|---|
| Rows    | Each occurrence of a validation error or query is added as a row to the report. Errors are listed in order of validation rule number (lowest to highest). |
| Columns | 'LA Number' – the local authority number  |
|         | 'SWE registration number' – the SWE (Social Work England) registration number of the individual social worker   |
|         | 'Validation Rule Number' – the validation rule number, as listed in the validation rules  |
|         | 'Error Message' – the error message, as specified in the validation rules   |
|         | 'Data Item Name' – the name of the specific data item that the error/query relates to   |
|         | 'Data Item Value' – the value of the data item that the error/query relates to  |

# 4. Notes report

# 4.1. Report description

This report shows a local authority the notes that they have added to their census return.

#### 4.2. Report criteria

| Section | Criteria  |
|---------|---|
| Rows    | A record is added for each note.  |
| Columns | 'Note Level' – level of note, ie return or error 'User' – the author of the note 'Full User Name' – username of user who added note 'Organisation' – the name of the local authority/organisation that made the note 'Native ID' – local authority number 'Date & Time Note Created' 'Field Name' – the data collection field/item the error or query relates to 'Error No.' – the error/query number, as listed in the validation rules 'Notes' – the notes which have been recorded |

#### 5. Data summary report

#### 5.1. Report description

The data summary report shows local authorities their full-time equivalent (FTE) and headcount data for headline measures ('as loaded' to reflect data in COLLECT and 'as published' using the methodology from the <u>statistical release</u>), as well as previous year's data and the percentage change.

Local authorities are **strongly encouraged to review the Data summary report** before submitting their return, as it summarises the headline statistics that DfE will publish in February 2026. We may be unable to amend any errors that are not identified by our automated and manual validation checks prior to publication.

#### 5.2. Age and time in service calculations

To calculate age and time in service in years, the differences between two specified dates are calculated as follows:

- Time in service difference between RoleStartDate and DataCollectionEndDate
- Time in service for leavers difference between RoleStartDate and RoleEndDate
- Age difference between PersonBirthDate and DataCollectionEndDate

where DataCollectionEndDate is 30 September 2025.

#### 5.3. Report criteria

The below sections detail the criteria for the current year's data. The same columns should be repeated for the previous year (using the reference data provided by DISD), and then a percentage change calculated.

# 5.3.1. Social workers in post at 30 September

| Output                   | Selection criteria: FTE - as    | Selection criteria: Headcount - | Selection criteria: Headcount –      |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                          | loaded and published            | as loaded                       | as published                         |
| Number of social workers | Sum of individual FTE of social | Headcount of individual records | Headcount of individual records      |
| in post at 30 September  | workers                         | based on SWE registration       | with duplicates removed (based       |
|                          | VA/Is a ma                      | number without duplicates       | on SWE registration number,          |
|                          | Where                           | removed                         | local authority, birth date, sex and |
|                          | RoleStartDate <=                | Where                           | ethnicity)                           |
|                          | DataCollectionEndDate or        | villere                         | Where                                |
|                          | RoleStartDate is NULL           | RoleStartDate <=                | VVIIere                              |
|                          |                                 | DataCollectionEndDate or        | RoleStartDate <=                     |
|                          | and                             | RoleStartDate is NULL           | DataCollectionEndDate or             |
|                          | RoleEndDate >                   |                                 | RoleStartDate is NULL                |
|                          | DataCollectionEndDate or        | and                             | and a                                |
|                          | RoleEndDate is NULL             | RoleEndDate >                   | and                                  |
|                          |                                 | DataCollectionEndDate or        | RoleEndDate >                        |
|                          | and                             | RoleEndDate is NULL             | DataCollectionEndDate or             |
|                          | Aganay Warker = 0               |                                 | RoleEndDate is NULL                  |
|                          | Agency Worker = 0.              | and                             |                                      |
|                          |                                 | Agency Worker = 0.              | and                                  |
|                          |                                 | Agency Worker – 0.              | Agency Worker = 0.                   |
|                          |                                 |                                 | , igono, worker o.                   |
| Number of social workers | Sum of FTE social workers in    | Headcount of social workers in  | Headcount of social workers in       |
| in post at 30 September  | post at 30 September            | post at 30 September without    | post at 30 September with            |
| by sex:                  |                                 | duplicates removed              | duplicates removed                   |
|                          |                                 |                                 |                                      |

| Output   | Selection criteria: FTE - as   | Selection criteria: Headcount -  | Selection criteria: Headcount –  |
|--|--|--|--|
|  | loaded and published   | as loaded  | as published   |
| <ul><li>Male</li><li>Female</li></ul>  | <ul><li>Where</li><li>Sex - 'M' for Male</li><li>Sex - 'F' for Female</li></ul>  | <ul> <li>Sex - 'M' for Male</li> <li>Sex - 'F' for Female</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Sex – 'M' for Male</li> <li>Sex – 'F' for Female</li> </ul>   |
| Number of social workers in post at 30 September by role within organisation:  | Sum of FTE social workers in post at 30 September  Where   | Headcount of social workers in post at 30 September without duplicates removed   | Headcount of social workers in post at 30 September with duplicates removed  |
| <ul> <li>Senior manager</li> <li>Middle manager</li> <li>First line manager</li> <li>Senior practitioner</li> <li>Case holder</li> <li>Qualified without case</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>OrgRole = 1 for senior manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 2 for middle manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 3 for first line manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 4 for senior practitioner</li> <li>OrgRole = 5 for case holder</li> <li>OrgRole = 6 for qualified without case</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>OrgRole = 1 for senior manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 2 for middle manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 3 for first line manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 4 for senior practitioner</li> <li>OrgRole = 5 for case holder</li> <li>OrgRole = 6 for qualified without case</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>OrgRole = 1 for senior manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 2 for middle manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 3 for first line manager</li> <li>OrgRole = 4 for senior practitioner</li> <li>OrgRole = 5 for case holder</li> <li>OrgRole = 6 for qualified without case</li> </ul> |

| Output  | Selection criteria: FTE - as   | Selection criteria: Headcount -   | Selection criteria: Headcount –   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   | loaded and published   | as loaded   | as published  |
| Number of social workers  | Sum of FTE social workers in   | Headcount of social workers in  | Headcount of social workers in  |
| in post at 30 September   | post at 30 September   | post at 30 September without  | post at 30 September with   |
| by age (years):   | Where  | duplicates removed  | duplicates removed  |
| <ul> <li>Under 20</li> <li>20 to 29</li> <li>30 to 39</li> <li>40 to 49</li> <li>50 to 59</li> <li>60 and over</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>18&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=19</li> <li>20&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=29</li> <li>30&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=39</li> <li>40&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=49</li> <li>50&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=59</li> <li>'Age' &gt;=60</li> </ul>                   | <ul> <li>Where</li> <li>18&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=19</li> <li>20&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=29</li> <li>30&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=39</li> <li>40&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=49</li> <li>50&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=59</li> <li>'Age' &gt;=60</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Where</li> <li>18&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=19</li> <li>20&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=29</li> <li>30&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=39</li> <li>40&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=49</li> <li>50&lt;= 'Age' &lt;=59</li> <li>'Age' &gt;=60</li> </ul> |
| Number of social workers  | Sum of FTE social workers in   | Headcount of social workers in  | Headcount of social workers in  |
| in post at 30 September   | post at 30 September   | post at 30 September without  | post at 30 September with   |
| by ethnicity:   | Where  | duplicates removed  | duplicates removed  |
| <ul> <li>White</li> <li>Black / African / Caribbean / Black British</li> <li>Asian / Asian British</li> <li>Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups</li> <li>Other ethnic group</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Ethnicity = WBRI, WIRI, WOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = BCRB, BAFR, BOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = AIND, APKN, ABAN, AOTH, CHNE</li> <li>Ethnicity = MWBC, MWBA, MWAS, MOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = OOTH</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Ethnicity = WBRI, WIRI, WOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = BCRB, BAFR, BOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = AIND, APKN, ABAN, AOTH, CHNE</li> <li>Ethnicity = MWBC, MWBA, MWAS, MOTH</li> </ul>                        | <ul> <li>Where</li> <li>Ethnicity = WBRI, WIRI, WOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = BCRB, BAFR, BOTH</li> <li>Ethnicity = AIND, APKN, ABAN, AOTH, CHNE</li> <li>Ethnicity = MWBC, MWBA, MWAS, MOTH</li> </ul>         |

| Output                                | Selection criteria: FTE - as                | Selection criteria: Headcount -     | Selection criteria: Headcount - |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                       | loaded and published                        | as loaded                           | as published                    |
| <ul> <li>Not known</li> </ul>         | Ethnicity = REFU, NOBT                      | Ethnicity = OOTH                    | Ethnicity = OOTH                |
|                                       |   | Ethnicity = REFU, NOBT              | Ethnicity = REFU, NOBT          |
| Number of social workers              | Sum of FTE social workers in                | Headcount of social workers in      | Headcount of social workers in  |
| in post at 30 September               | post at 30 September                        | post at 30 September <u>without</u> | post at 30 September with       |
| by time in service:                   | Where                                       | duplicates removed                  | duplicates removed              |
| <ul> <li>Less than 2 years</li> </ul> |   | Where                               | Where                           |
| <ul> <li>2 to less than 5</li> </ul>  | • 'Time in service' <2                      | ( <del>-</del> ,                    |                                 |
| years                                 | • 2<= 'Time in service' <5                  | • 'Time in service' <2              | • 'Time in service' <2          |
| • 5 to less than 10                   | • 5<= 'Time in service' <10                 | • 2<= 'Time in service' <5          | 2<= 'Time in service' <5        |
| years                                 | • 10<= 'Time in service' <20                | • 5<= 'Time in service' <10         | • 5<= 'Time in service' <10     |
| 10 to less than 20                    | • 20<= 'Time in service' <30                | • 10<= 'Time in service' <20        | • 10<= 'Time in service' <20    |
| years                                 | <ul><li>'Time in service' &gt;=30</li></ul> | • 20<= 'Time in service' <30        | • 20<= 'Time in service' <30    |
| • 20 to less than 30                  |   | • 'Time in service' >=30            | • 'Time in service' >=30        |
| years                                 |   |                                     |                                 |
| 30 years or more                      |   |                                     |                                 |

# 5.3.2. Social workers starting during the collection year

| Output   | Selection criteria: FTE – as | Selection criteria: Headcount - | Selection criteria: Headcount -   |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
|  | loaded and published         | as loaded                       | as published  |
| Number of social workers starting during the collection year |                              |                                 |   |
|  |                              |                                 | and  RoleEndDate >  DataCollectionEndDate or  RoleEndDate is NULL (i.e. did not leave during the collection year) |

| Output   | Selection criteria: FTE – as   | Selection criteria: Headcount -  | Selection criteria: Headcount -   |
|--|--|--|---|
|  | loaded and published   | as loaded  | as published  |
| Number of social workers starting in the collection year by age (years):  • Under 20 • 20 to 29 • 30 to 39 • 40 to 49 • 50 to 59 • 60 and over | Sum of FTE social workers starting in collection year  Where  • 18<= 'Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age' >=60 | Headcount of social workers starting in the collection year without duplicates removed,  Where  • 18<= 'Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age' >=60 | Headcount of social workers starting but not leaving in collection year with duplicates removed  Where  • 18<= 'Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=29 • 40<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age'>=60 |

#### 5.3.3. Social workers leaving during the collection year

| Output                        | Selection criteria: FTE – as                      | Selection criteria: Headcount                  | Selection criteria: Headcount                   |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|
|                               | loaded and published                              | - as loaded                                    | - as published                                  |
| Number of social workers      | Sum of FTE30 social workers                       | Headcount of social workers                    | Headcount of social workers                     |
| leaving during the collection |   | without duplicates removed                     | with duplicates removed (based                  |
| year                          | Where   | where  | on SWE registration number,                     |
|                               | AgencyWorker = 0 and<br>RoleEndDate is between    | Where  | local authority, birth date, sex and ethnicity) |
|                               | DataCollectionStartDate and DataCollectionEndDate | AgencyWorker = 0 and<br>RoleEndDate is between | Where   |
|                               |   | DataCollectionStartDate and                    | AgencyWorker = 0 and                            |
|                               |   | DataCollectionEndDate                          | RoleEndDate is between                          |
|                               |   |  | DataCollectionStartDate and                     |
|                               |   |  | DataCollectionEndDate                           |
|                               |   |  | and   |
|                               |   |  | RoleStartDate <                                 |
|                               |   |  | DataCollectionStartDate or                      |
|                               |   |  | RoleStartDate is NULL (i.e. did                 |
|                               |   |  | not start in the collection year)               |

| Output  | Selection criteria: FTE – as loaded and published   | Selection criteria: Headcount  – as loaded  | Selection criteria: Headcount  – as published  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Turnover rate   | 100 * (Sum of FTE30 of social<br>workers leaving in year) / (Sum of<br>FTE social workers in post at 30<br>September)   | 100 * (Headcount of social workers leaving in year without duplicates removed) / (Headcount of social workers in post at 30 September without duplicates removed)                               | 100 * (Headcount of social workers leaving but not starting in year with duplicates removed) / (Headcount of social workers in post at 30 September with duplicates removed)   |
| Number of social workers leaving during the collection year by age (years):  Under 20 20 to 29 30 to 39 40 to 49 50 to 59 60 and over | Sum of FTE30 of social workers leaving in collection year  Where  • 18<='Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age' >=60 | Headcount of social workers leaving in collection year without duplicates removed  Where  • 18<='Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age' >=60 | Headcount of social workers leaving but not starting in collection year, with duplicates removed  Where  • 18<='Age' <=19 • 20<= 'Age' <=29 • 30<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=39 • 40<= 'Age' <=49 • 50<= 'Age' <=59 • 'Age' >=60 |

| Output   | Selection criteria: FTE – as   | Selection criteria: Headcount   | Selection criteria: Headcount  |
|--|--|---|--|
|  | loaded and published   | - as loaded   | - as published   |
| Number of social workers leaving during the collection year by time in service:  • Less than 2 years • 2 to less than 5 years • 5 to less than 10 years • 10 to less than 20 years • 20 to less than 30 years • 30 years or more | Sum of FTE30 of social workers leaving in collection year  Where  • 'Time in service' <2 • 2<= 'Time in service' <5 • 5<= 'Time in service' <10 • 10<= 'Time in service' <20 • 20<= 'Time in service' <30 • 'Time in service' >=30 | - as loaded  Headcount of social workers leaving in collection year without duplicates removed  Where  • 'Time in service' <2 • 2<= 'Time in service' <5 • 5<= 'Time in service' <10 • 10<= 'Time in service' <20 • 20<= 'Time in service' <30 • 'Time in service' >=30 | - as published  Headcount of social workers leaving but not starting in collection year with duplicates removed  Where  • 'Time in service' <2 • 2<= 'Time in service' <5 • 5<= 'Time in service' <10 • 10<= 'Time in service' <20 • 20<= 'Time in service' <30 • 'Time in service' >=30 |

# 5.3.4. Agency workers at 30 September

| Output                             | Selection criteria: FTE – as | Selection criteria: Headcount | Selection criteria: Headcount |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                                    | loaded and published         | - as loaded                   | – as published                |  |
| Number of agency social            | Sum of FTE                   | Headcount of social workers   | Same as 'Selection criteria:  |  |
| workers in post at 30<br>September | Where                        | Where                         | Headcount – as loaded'        |  |
|                                    | AgencyWorker = 1 and         | AgencyWorker = 1 and          |                               |  |
|                                    | RoleEndDate >                | RoleEndDate >                 |                               |  |

| Output                   | Selection criteria: FTE – as     | Selection criteria: Headcount   | Selection criteria: Headcount |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                          | loaded and published             | - as loaded                     | - as published                |
|                          | DataCollectionEndDate or         | DataCollectionEndDate or        |                               |
|                          | RoleEndDate is NULL              | RoleEndDate is NULL             |                               |
|                          |                                  |                                 |                               |
| Agency worker rate at 30 | 100 * (Sum of FTE for agency     | 100 * (Headcount of agency      | Same as 'Selection criteria:  |
| September                | workers in post at 30 September) | workers at 30 September) /      | Headcount – as loaded'        |
| ·                        | / ((Sum of FTE of agency workers | ((Headcount of agency workers   |                               |
|                          | at 30 September) + (Sum of FTE   | at 30 September) + (Headcount   |                               |
|                          | social workers in post at 30     | of social workers in post at 30 |                               |
|                          | September))                      | September))                     |                               |
| Number of agency workers | Number of FTE agency workers     | Headcount of agency workers     | Not applicable                |
| covering vacancies at 30 | covering vacancies at 30         | covering vacancies at 30        |                               |
| September                | September from LocalAuthority    | September from LocalAuthority   |                               |
|                          | Table                            | Table                           |                               |
| Agency workers covering  | 100 * (Number of FTE agency      | 100 * (Headcount of agency      | Not applicable                |
| vacancies rate at 30     | workers covering vacancies at 30 | workers covering vacancies at   |                               |
| September                | September / Sum of FTE agency    | 30 September / Headcount of     |                               |
|                          | workers at 30 September)         | agency workers at 30            |                               |
|                          |                                  | September)                      |                               |
|                          |                                  |                                 |                               |

#### 5.3.5. Cases (FTE only)

| Output                                  | Selection criteria: FTE – as   | Selection criteria: Headcount | Selection criteria: Headcount |
|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | loaded and published   | – as loaded                   | – as published                |
| Number of cases held at 30<br>September | Sum of cases held by social workers (including agency workers) in post at 30 September  Where  Number of cases is greater than or equal to 1  and  FTE is greater than 0  i.e. Cases30 >=1 and FTE>0 | Not applicable                | Not applicable                |

| Output                      | Selection criteria: FTE – as  | Selection criteria: Headcount | Selection criteria: Headcount |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                             | loaded and published          | - as loaded                   | – as published                |
| Number of caseholders at 30 | Sum of FTE for social workers | Not applicable                | Not applicable                |
| September                   | (including agency workers) in |                               |                               |
|                             | post at 30 September          |                               |                               |
|                             | Where number of cases held is |                               |                               |
|                             | greater than or equal to 1    |                               |                               |
|                             | and                           |                               |                               |
|                             | FTE is greater than zero      |                               |                               |
|                             | i.e. Cases30>= 1 and FTE>0    |                               |                               |
| Average caseload at 30      | Sum of cases held at 30       | Not applicable                | Not applicable                |
| September                   | September (both agency and    |                               |                               |
|                             | non-agency) / Number of       |                               |                               |
|                             | caseholders at 30 September   |                               |                               |

#### 5.3.6. Sickness absence (FTE only)

| Output   | Selection criteria: FTE – as loaded and published  | Selection<br>criteria:<br>Headcount –<br>as loaded | Selection criteria: Headcount – as published |
|--|--|--|--|
| Number of days missed due to<br>sickness absence in collection<br>year for social workers in post at<br>30 September | Sum of 'number of days missed due to sickness absence' for social workers in post at 30 September  | Not applicable                                     | Not applicable                               |
| Absence rate for social workers in post at 30 September  | (Sum of number of days missed due to sickness absence for social workers in post at 30 September / 253) * (Sum of FTE of social workers at 30 September)  Note: The absence rate calculation is based on 253 working days in a standard year. For leap years the calculation is based on 254 working days. | Not applicable                                     | Not applicable                               |

#### 5.3.7. Vacancies (FTE only)

| Output                                    | Selection criteria: FTE – as loaded and published   | Selection criteria: Headcount  – as loaded | Selection criteria: Headcount  – as published |
|---|---|--|---|
| Number of vacancies at 30<br>September    | Number of FTE vacancies at 30 September from LocalAuthority Table   | Not applicable                             | Not applicable                                |
| Vacancy rate at 30<br>September           | 100 * (Number of FTE vacancies<br>at 30 September) / (Number of<br>FTE vacancies at 30 September<br>+ Sum of FTE social workers in<br>post at 30 September) | Not applicable                             | Not applicable                                |
| Vacancy agency cover rate at 30 September | 100 * (Number of FTE agency<br>workers covering vacancies at 30<br>September/ Number of FTE<br>vacancies at 30 September)                                   | Not applicable                             | Not applicable                                |

#### 6. Continuity report

#### 6.1. Report description

This report is intended to help local authorities identify potential issues with the continuity and quality of their data. The report shows a count of the number of records identified for each check.

#### 6.2. Example of continuity report layout

For a requested local authority:

2024-25 Children's social work workforce quality report for [LA NAME]

| Check<br>numbe<br>r | Check   | Number of records | Logic   |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| 1                   | Social worker was in post at the previous count date but is not in post this year: all children and family social workers in post at the count date last year (30 September 2024), with the exception of those who left on 30 September 2024, should be included in this year's collection.   |                   | Count of: SWENo in Previous database WHERE RoleStartDate <= PreviousDataCollectionEndDate OR RoleStartDate is NULL AND RoleEndDate > PreviousDataCollectionEndDate or RoleEndDate is NULL AND AgencyWorker = 0 AND SWENo does not exist in the current data collection database |
| 2                   | Social worker's date of birth has changed since last year: SWE registration numbers are unique for each children and family social worker, therefore the date of birth recorded against each SWE registration number this year should be the same as that recorded in last year's collection. |                   | Count of: SWENo in the current database that also exists in the previous data collection database WHERE DOB in current database does not equal DOB in Previous database   |
| 3                   | Social worker in post last year and has a different start date recorded this year: children and family social workers who were in post at the count date last year (30 September 2024) and are included in this year's collection should have the same role start date.                       |                   | Count of: SWENo in previous database WHERE Previous RoleStartDate <= PreviousDataCollectionEndDate OR Previous RoleStartDate is NULL AND Previous RoleEndDate > PreviousDataCollectionEndDate or Previous RoleEndDate is NULL AND Current AgencyWorker = 0                      |

|   |  | AND Previous AgencyWorker=0 AND RoleStartDate in the current database does not equal RoleStartDate in the previous database  |
|---|--|--|
| 4 | Social worker in post before the beginning of the collection year, but is not included in last year's return: all children and family social workers included in current year that were in post (based on their role start date) before the beginning of the collection year (01 October 2024), should have been included in last year's collection.  We are aware that this may not always be the case, due to delays in data entry to management information systems. Please provide details when this situation arises. | Count of:  SWENo in Current database  WHERE  RoleStartDate <  DataCollectionStartDate  AND  AgencyWorker = 0  AND  SWENo does not exist in the previous data collection database |

# 7. Continuity Report Staff Details report

#### 7.1. Report description

This report lists the details from the current return for those workers identified as failing in the Continuity report.

| -       | Data from current collection | Data from current collection | Failed QC<br>1  | Failed QC<br>1  | Failed QC<br>3  | Failed QC<br>4   | Data from<br>previous<br>collection<br>(if differ) | Data from<br>previous<br>collection<br>(if differ) |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| SWENO   | Person<br>Birth<br>Date      | Role<br>Start<br>Date        | Social worker was included in previous collection but not included in this collection | Different<br>Person<br>Birth<br>Date<br>between<br>current<br>and<br>previous<br>collection | Different<br>Role<br>Start<br>Date<br>between<br>current<br>and<br>previous<br>collection | Social<br>worker in<br>this<br>collection<br>but not<br>included<br>in<br>previous<br>collection | Person<br>Birth Date                               | Role<br>Start<br>Date                              |
| SWXXXXX | CCYY-<br>MM-DD               | CCYY-<br>MM-DD               | -   | Y   | Υ   | Υ  | CCYY-<br>MM-DD                                     | CCYY-<br>MM-DD                                     |
| SWXXXXX | -                            | -                            | Y   | -   | 1   | -  | CCYY-<br>MM-DD                                     | CCYY-<br>MM-DD                                     |

#### 8. Same SWE number, different person report

#### 8.1. Report description

This report should be available for both Source and Collector to highlight duplicate SWE numbers across LAs where characteristics differ, suggesting an error in data reporting. This report will run off live.

The report should show duplicate SWE numbers across LAs where:

- SWE number is the same, but any of the following fields do not match:
  - o Date of birth
  - o Sex

The report does not need to compare duplicates within the same LA as validation rule 43 covers this.

LAs should only be able to see their own data, along with the duplicate from a different LA. Collector should have the option to run for all LAs, or select an individual LA.

| LA<br>number | LA name                                   | SWE No   | Date of birth  | Sex | Ethnicity |
|--------------|---|----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| 857          | RUTLAND COUNTY<br>COUNCIL                 | SWE12345 | 2000-<br>01-01 | F   | WBRI      |
| 301          | BARKING & DAGENHAM LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL | SWE12345 | 1985-<br>06-06 | M   | BAFR      |

| 857 | RUTLAND COUNTY<br>COUNCIL   | SWE99999 | 1975-<br>12-08 | F | NOBT |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------|----------------|---|------|
| 852 | SOUTHAMPTON<br>CITY COUNCIL | SWE99999 | 1999-<br>10-15 | F | AIND |

# 9. Social worker salary report

#### 9.1. Report description

This report should be available for both Source and Collector and reports min, max, median and mean salary by role. This report will run off Live and Collectors should have the option to run for all LAs, or select an individual LA.

| Role                  | Minimum   | Maximum   | Median   | Mean   | Count of social worker records                                      |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Senior<br>manager     | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 1 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 1 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 1 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 1 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 1 and BaseSalary > 0 |
| Middle<br>manager     | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 2 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 2 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 2 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 2 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 2 and BaseSalary > 0 |
| First line<br>manager | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 3 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 3 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 3 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 3 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 3 and BaseSalary > 0 |

| Senior<br>practitioner       | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 4 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 4 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 4 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 4 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 4 and BaseSalary > 0 |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| Case<br>holder               | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 5 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 5 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 5 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 5 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 5 and BaseSalary > 0 |
| Qualified<br>without<br>case | Minimum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 6 and BaseSalary > 0 | Maximum BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 6 and BaseSalary > 0 | Median BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 6 and BaseSalary > 0 | Mean BaseSalary value where OrgRole = 6 and BaseSalary > 0 | Count of social worker records where OrgRole = 6 and BaseSalary > 0 |
| All roles                    | Minimum BaseSalary value where BaseSalary > 0                 | Maximum BaseSalary value where BaseSalary > 0                 | Median BaseSalary value where BaseSalary > 0                 | Mean BaseSalary value where BaseSalary > 0                 | Count of<br>social worker<br>records<br>where<br>BaseSalary<br>> 0  |

# 10. LA allowances and additional payments report

#### 10.1. Report description

This report should be available for both Source and Collector and reports the values returned for LA allowances and additional payments. This report will run off Live and Collectors should have the option to run for all LAs, or select an individual LA.

| Local authority code | Allowance or additional payment                        | Response  |
|----------------------|--|---|
| 201                  | Recruitment bonus                                      | No  |
| 201                  | Retention bonus  | Yes, all LA-employed social workers are eligible  |
| 201                  | Performance reward                                     | Yes, some LA-employed social workers are eligible |
| 201                  | Car user allowance                                     | No  |
| 201                  | Relocation package                                     | Yes, all LA-employed social workers are eligible  |
| 201                  | Regional weighting                                     | Yes, some LA-employed social workers are eligible |
| 201                  | Cost of Social Work England (SWE) registration         | No  |
| 201                  | Cost of Disclosure and Barring<br>Service (DBS) checks | Yes, all LA-employed social workers are eligible  |
| 201                  | Other allowances and additional payments               | Free text field                                   |



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