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Workforce Planning for All Social Workers: Social Workers Registration Board as Lead Agency

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The Cabinet paper **Designating the Social Workers Registration Board as the Lead Agency for Workforce Planning for all Social Workers** and related key advice have been proactively released.

These documents outline different stages of advice provided around workforce planning for all social workers in New Zealand. Currently, there is no mechanism for workforce planning for all social workers. Instead, social workers are fragmented across the community. Cabinet has designated the Social Workers Registration Board as the lead agency to provide and support workforce planning for all social workers.

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