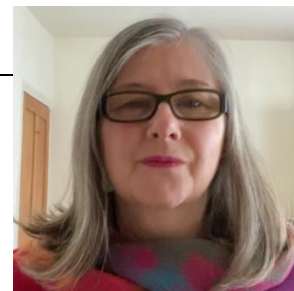


**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Dr Ruth Allen - Chief Executive British Association of Social Workers (BASW)**

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**Qualifications & Professional Membership/ Registration**

BA (Hons) Geography- University of Oxford 1987  
 Master of Social Work and CQSW – University of Sussex – Distinction 1994  
 Approved Social Worker – CCETSW 1998  
 PGDip Applied Systemic Theory – Tavistock and Portman 1999  
 SCIE Social Care Leadership Development Programme - 2006  
 Professional Doctorate University of Sussex 2008  
 Registered Social Worker – Social Work England  
 Member Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations UK

**Current employment - Since 2016**

Chief Executive of British Association of Social Workers (BASW): key roles include

- BASW delegate to International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and IFSW representative delegate to Council of Europe INGO since October 2019.
- Accountable for all aspects of BASW's UK and international operations, staffing, strategy, publishing, communications, finances, development and risk management
- Strategic and professional leader in social work e.g. writing, presentations, public speaking, representation, influencing with senior leaders
- Media spokesperson - tv, radio, press, social media, podcasts
- Development of professional development and education function of BASW
- Equalities, diversity and inclusion strategic lead for the association

**Professional Work Experience**

- Director for social work in NHS (11 years): SW London & St George's Mental Health Trust & Hertfordshire Mental Health Trust in fields of adults, children and transitional mental health services, learning disabilities, forensic, addictions, older people and mental capacity
- Specialist skills in co-production with service users and carers
- Research and evaluation: former P/T Research Fellow, St George's University of London
- Service and Quality Improvement specialist
- Trained and qualified in systemic and psychodynamic mental health interventions
- Early career in social work within Homelessness, Health and Care services in, LB Tower Hamlets/City of London

**Other relevant skills**

- Training, development and coaching skills
- Leadership development and facilitation
- Organisational consultancy for change
- Qualitative and quantitative research (post-doctoral St George's University of London)
- Campaigning and lobbying

**Selection of recent/relevant publications**

Allen, R & Buzzi, P (2020) *Social Media and Mental Health Social Work* in Megele, C & Buzzi, P (2020) *Social Media and Social Work*. Bristol, Policy Press.  
 Mantovani, N & Allen, R. (2017) – *Improving Responses to domestic violence in secondary mental health services in Wandsworth*. A mixed-methods study. London: WWCCG  
 Allen, R (2017) Guest Editorial *Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare Work (vol 2)*. Hove: Pavillion  
 Allen, R., Carr, S. & Linde, K (2016) *Social Work for Better Mental Health: 3 Resources to improve, develop and sustain social work across the mental health sector*. London: DH  
 Allen, R (2015) The Social Work for Better Mental Health Initiative. *Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare Work (Vol 1)*. Hove: Pavillion.

Allen, R (2014) *The role of the social worker in adult mental health services*. London: TCSW  
Allen, R., Gilbert, P. & Onyett, S (2009) *Leadership for personalisation and social inclusion in mental health*. London: SCIE.  
April 2016 – present: Monthly professional blog/journal article for BASW magazine including adult social care themes: strengths based social work with adults; integrating of life span approaches into adult social work; the role of social workers in integrated mental health