

Knowledge for Practice

Changing idea and influences on Children and Family Social
Work since the 1970s

‘Fads and Fancies’* in the Social Work Curriculum

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The Knowledge base (or bases?) of social work

- Commonly known as 'Theory and Methods' in social work curricula - Eclectic?!
- Systems theory - Family therapy
- Behavioural Social Work - CBT
- Task Centred social work
- Crisis intervention work
- Radical Social Work
- Care Management
- Risk Assessment and Management

Other Aspects of the curriculum

- Academic subjects
- Skills – counselling, group work, child observation (research)
- Anti-oppressive approaches – anti-racism; anti-discriminatory sw
- International dimension
- Placements
- Turbulence – different routes, comparable qualifications

Current concerns / future directions?

- User participation
- POVERTY
- Community based social work
- Relationship based social work
- Migration - transnational social work
- Professional identity - Global human rights profession.