

63492 Scotland's Social Workers and Threats

Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 1 January 2020 to 21 July 2026 (inclusive) in relation to children's and adult social workers employed by your authority or working on behalf of the authority through an agency.

Where possible, please provide separate figures for children's and adult social care.

Overall

Please state the total number of children's social workers and adult social workers employed by the authority (or full-time equivalent where staffing is recorded in this way) as of 21 July 2026.

Please refer to the table below which provides the Full-Time Equivalent numbers for Adult, Children and Justice Social Work services.

Job Type	Adult	Children	Justice	Grand Total
Senior Social Worker	88	108	26	221
Social Worker	144	148	69	361
Grand Total	232	256	95	583

Incident data

Please state the total number of recorded incidents where a social worker was subjected to violence, abuse, intimidation, harassment or threats in connection with their work.

Of those incidents, please provide the number recorded as involving:

1. Threats to kill.
2. Threats of serious physical violence.
3. Physical assaults.
4. Stalking or harassment.
5. Threats directed towards a social worker's home, family or personal property.
6. Criminal damage to a social worker's home, vehicle or personal property.
7. Online abuse, threats or harassment.

Please refer to the tables below which provide incidents recorded in our Health and Safety incident reporting system in each calendar against Social Workers and Social Care Workers.

ECC - Education, Children and Communities

EHSCP – Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2020	ECC	2	2	0	0	0
	EHSCP	41	41	0	0	0

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2021	ECC	2	2	0	0	0
	EHSCP	46	31	7	8	0

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2022	ECC	4	4	0	0	0
	EHSCP	67	49	11	7	0

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2023	ECC	7	3	4	0	0
	EHSCP	62	34	21	7	0

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2024	ECC	12	11	0	1	0
	EHSCP	80	52	12	16	0

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
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2025	ECC	15	9	0	3	3
	EHSCP	53	15	12	25	1

	Service Area	Total	Threatening/ Aggressive/ Challenging Behaviour/ Verbal Abuse	Violence - Resulting in injury	Violence – Not resulting in injury	Online abuse
2026 to date	ECC	10	7	1	1	1
	EHSCP	23	15	4	4	0

Police involvement

Please provide:

- The number of incidents reported to Police Scotland.
- The number of incidents where the authority is aware that a suspect was arrested, charged or convicted.

Impact on staff

Please provide the number of incidents which resulted in:

- The social worker being withdrawn from a case.
- The social worker being transferred or redeployed.
- Sickness absence linked to the incident.
- An occupational health referral.
- The authority introducing additional security measures for the member of staff.

[This information is not collated or centrally recorded.](#)