

Daniel Okonkwo

GRADUATE SOCIAL WORKER



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Social Work England registered social worker with placement experience in children's services and adult mental health. Managed a caseload of **12 children and families** during final placement with Croydon Council, conducting assessments, attending child protection conferences, and writing court reports. Graduated from Kingston University with a **2:1 (64% average)** and completed **170 practice days** across statutory and voluntary sector settings.

EXPERIENCE

Student Social Worker (Final Placement), London Borough of Croydon – Children's Services, Croydon Sep 2025 – Feb 2026
Completed a 100-day statutory placement within the children in need and child protection team.

- Managed an independent caseload of **12 children and families** including children subject to Child Protection Plans and Children in Need plans
- Completed **8 Single Assessments** within statutory timescales, with all receiving positive management sign-off
- Attended **6 Child Protection Conferences** and **4 Core Group meetings**, presenting evidence and recommendations
- Prepared **2 court statements** for care proceedings under Section 31 of the Children Act 1989

Student Social Worker (First Placement), Mind in Croydon, Croydon Jan 2025 – Apr 2025
Completed a 70-day placement in the adult mental health recovery service.

- Supported **15 service users** with recovery planning, benefits advice, and housing referrals
- Co-facilitated a **10-week anxiety management group** for 8 participants using CBT-informed approaches
- Completed **6 mental health assessments** using the Recovery Star and Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale

Youth Worker (Part-time), XLP (eXceL Project), London Jan 2023 – Aug 2025
Worked with young people aged 11 to 18 in south London through mentoring, group work, and street-based outreach.

- Mentored **8 young people** on a one-to-one basis, meeting weekly to support personal development and school engagement
- Ran **3 group sessions per week** covering topics including healthy relationships, knife crime awareness, and career planning

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Social Work in Social Work, Kingston University, Kingston upon Thames Sep 2022 – Jul 2025
Graduated with Upper Second Class Honours (**2:1, 64% average**). Programme approved by Social Work England.

- Completed **170 practice days** across statutory children's services and voluntary sector mental health
- Dissertation on the disproportionate representation of Black boys in school exclusions in London, graded **71%**

SKILLS

Child Protection Assessment • Single Assessment Framework • Court Report Writing • Safeguarding (Children & Adults) • Risk Assessment & Management • Motivational Interviewing • Multi-Agency Working • Mental Health Assessment • Advocacy & Empowerment • Case Recording (Mosaic / LCS) • Anti-Opressive Practice • Reflective Practice

CERTIFICATIONS

Social Work England Registration, Social Work England Sep 2025 – Sep 2025

Safeguarding Children Level 3, Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Oct 2025 – Oct 2025

Enhanced DBS Check, Disclosure and Barring Service Aug 2022 – Aug 2022

LANGUAGES

English - Native • Igbo - Conversational (B1)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Volunteer - Samaritans (Listening Volunteer) Jun 2023 – Jun 2025

Completed **200+ hours** of volunteer listening shifts over 2 years, supporting callers experiencing emotional distress.

- Handled an average of **6 calls per 4-hour shift**, applying active listening and de-escalation skills