

Fitness to Practise Testimonial

"I was at home on maternity leave when I received a letter from CORU which detailed that a former client of mine had made a complaint to the Fitness to Practise Committee. Because I was at home, I had no colleagues to talk to and no supervisor to seek support from. Nobody wishes to be in such a position and so I had no idea how this process worked or what I needed to do. From the outset, I was treated so well by IASW.

Within a day, I was speaking to a solicitor who was going to deal with CORU on my behalf immediately, and until the process was complete. He was so efficient and courteous, he knew exactly what he was doing. He had also done it many times before, which filled me with confidence. He communicated with me so well and explained the legal aspects of the Preliminary Committee and CORU.

After 9 months my Fitness to Practise complaint is at its end, thankfully. I am so grateful to the fantastic staff at the Insurance Brokers and the IASW for so efficiently and sensitively sorting this matter out for me. It was so important for me to bring this to a definite close.

I can't recommend the IASW Fitness to Practise cover highly enough. It is definitely something I will never be without going forward."

- IASW Member

Listen to our Members

Member satisfaction is of paramount importance to us. Take a look at what our members have to say about us.

"Being an active member of IASW has supported my professional development as a social worker. It's given me the opportunity to work with others from a wide range of settings on issues that are important to social work practice and to contribute to the development of that practice nationally."

- Monica Hynds Flanagan

"I feel it is only by building a strong social work community, through IASW membership, that we can become a more powerful, unified, 'listened to' voice for both ourselves as a social work profession, and ultimately for the people with whom we work."

- Patrice Reilly

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Receive Support and
Influence the Future of Social
Work in Ireland.**

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The Irish Association of Social Workers is the professional body for social workers. It was founded in 1971 and has a membership of over 1,500 social workers. The IASW is an active member of the International Federation of Social Workers, which represents professional social work associations from over 55 different countries with more than 350,000 social workers in all parts of the world.

Join your professional body and become part of an Association improving the standards and quality of professional social work practice across all sectors. The IASW meets regularly with key stakeholders and funders of social work services. In these meetings the IASW voices members' concerns about professional issues arising within the social work sphere, as well as expressing a social work view to the general public when required.

The Association is always ready to welcome new members to ensure that the Association is fully representative of social work in Ireland and able to raise areas of social work concern appropriately.

Membership of your professional body contributes to the development of a strong, collective voice for social work, building professional identity and confidence in our skills and strengths and highlighting the positive differences our professional practice makes every day.

To find out more about membership and how the Association works to achieve its objectives for social work visit www.iasw.ie

What's in it for YOU?!

Membership of the IASW Offers the Following Benefits:

- CORU Fitness to Practise Legal Expenses cover.
- Online CPD Resources and Support in Maintaining a CPD Portfolio.
- Exclusive Access to Job Advertisements.
- FREE Subscription to the "Irish Social Worker" Journal and access online to ALL previous editions of the "Irish Social Worker".
- Professional Advice and Support from the IASW Office, Board & Council Representatives.
- Reduced Rates at Conferences, Lectures, Training & Other IASW Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Activities.
- Invitation to FREE Member Only CPD Events.
- Participation in Special Interest Groups, Associate Groups & Committees input into National Standards, Policy and Legislation.
- Quarterly IASW Newsletter containing updates on IASW activities, announcements of upcoming events and information on the strategic plan.
- FREE Hosting on our Supervision Panel & Independent Social Work Directories.
- Invitation to our Annual Conference & AGM.

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Fitness to Practise
Insurance**



Fitness to Practise Insurance

The IASW provides Fitness to Practise Legal Expenses cover to the 'working' membership categories: Full-Time, Part-Time (20hrs or less) and First Year Post Qualify members. Fitness to Practise Legal Expenses cover is not provided by your employer.

The IASW is offering a superior insurance coverage, summarised as follows:

- The IASW policy is a legal contract that is binding and enforceable in a court of law, the same as any other insurance policy.
- We specify the amount the insurance provider is prepared to make available to a member to defend a FTP situation.
- The IASW policy is per member on an individual basis. Most importantly each member has a ring fenced legal expenses limit of €250,000 that is unique to them and is not being provided on a discretionary basis.
- IASW insurers are also very experienced in this area both here in Ireland and in the UK.

How to make a claim

As soon as you have a legal problem that you may require assistance with under this insurance (Fitness to Practise Letter of Complaint only) you should contact the IASW office by phone 086 024 1055 or by email officemanager@iasw.ie.

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