

Chronology of Events

Date	Event
30 Apr 2009	BASW AGM announces plans to establish College of Social Work across the UK.
May to Nov 2009	BASW advocates for College of Social Work as a member of the Social Work Task Force
Nov 2009	<p>"We are recommending the establishment of an independent national college of social work. This will articulate and promote the interests of good social work. It will give the profession itself strong, independent leadership; a clear voice in public debate, policy development and policy delivery; and strong ownership of the standards to be upheld."</p> <p><i>Building a safe, confident future: The final report of the Social Work Task Force: November 2009</i></p>
26 Nov 2009	Letter from Glen Mason to Julie Jones, CE of SCIE, asking SCIE to lead on the development of the College prior to the College becoming a legal entity through the creation of a College development Group to explore the form and function of the college.
18 Dec 2009	Meeting of key stakeholders and Moira Gibb to discuss SCIE's role in developing the College hosted by DfE
19 Dec 2009	BASW informed of the intention to place the College Development contract with SCIE.
Jan 2010 – Jun 2010	<p>College Development Group meets: Chair = Allan Bowman, Chair of SCIE Members are drawn from Social Work Task Force and include BASW, Aspect and Unison, Full list of members made public via College website. All agendas and minutes of Development Group also made public via College website Secretariat and development provided by SCIE</p>
26 Jan 2010	1 st meeting of College Development Group process for establishing college agreed and outline budgets reviewed
10 Feb 2010	BASW registers the College of Social Work as a company with Companies House
23 Feb 2010	2 nd meeting of College Development Group. BASW informs the Development Group that it will hold a referendum of its members about the formation of a UK College
4 Mar 2010	BASW informs the media of its determination to build a breakaway College and is quoted in Community Care online
Mar 2010	"To support the profession in establishing the College, the Government has asked SCIE to facilitate a College Development Group which is bringing together social workers, professional bodies and unions to guide the early stages of the setting up of the College. To ensure the College begins its work on a secure footing Government is providing funds for development, consultation and initial activity in the current and next financial years."

	<i>Building a Safe and Confident Future: implementing the recommendations of the Social Work Task Force: UK Government</i>
16 Mar 2010	DH grants SCIE £2.5m to development the College
22 Mar 2010	3 rd meeting of College Development Group BASW asked to leave College Development Group after BASW announcement that it was holding a referendum on the College: what form it should take, UK Wide and BASW led Bill McKitterick and Hilton Dawson addressed the DG meeting for Item 2 only.
21 Apr 2010	BASW referendum of members returns 89% vote in favour of establishing College of Social Work across the UK, from 5108 voters.
27 Apr 2010	4th meeting of College Development Group Unison presentation made by Helga Pile and Heather Wakefield
20 May 2010	BASW AGM resolution: BASW to seek to return to the Development Group, using the referendum result to press for the College to adopt the principles of independence, professional leadership, potency and a UK-wide remit.
24 May 2010	5 th meeting of College Development Group BASW invited to rejoin and Bridget Robb attended
23 Jun 2010	6th meeting of College Development Group Unison presentation made by Helga Pile and Heather Wakefield
7 Jul 2010	BASW Council resolves to work towards convergence with the College
	Meetings held with SCIE/College officers and BASW officers on 20/01/2010, 10/02/2010, 22/02/2010, 25/03/2010, 29/04/2010, 05/05/2010, 04/06/2010, 16/07/2010, 01/09/2010, 16/09/2010, 12/11/2010. These meetings were not minuted as they were informal
May – Sep 2010	College Development Group Consultation with front line staff on the College Results published on College website
Jun – Aug 2010	Recruitment and Appointment of Interim Co Chairs
Jul – Oct 2010	Recruitment and appointment of Interim Board of College
20 Oct 2010	Interim Board meets for first time
19 Nov 2010	Interim board 2 nd meeting: Presentations from both Unison on paper and BASW in attendance. College Interim Board view is for the College to have a trade union function and for this to be subcontracted. Agreement to pursue a membership agreement with Unison and also to work with BASW towards convergence. The presentations were commercially confidential
24 Nov 2010	SCIE registers the College of Social Workers as a company with companies house
3 Dec 2010	SCIE (on behalf of College) press release: The College of Social Work announces membership benefits, including a contract with Unison for trade union services to college members.
3 Dec 2010	BASW letter to Dh and DfE Secretaries of State for Health and Education alleging misuse of public funds – subsidisation of union

	fees and Government funding competition between the College and BASW.
6 Dec 2010	College response to the BASW Letter sent to DH and DfE Secretaries of State for Health and Education
13 Dec 2010	Interim Board 3 rd meeting
15 Dec 2010	College Interim Co-Chair writes to BASW Chair to request a Chair to Chair meeting following the letter from BASW to the Secretaries of State
16 Dec 2010 and 17 Jan 2011	BASW Chair writes to Interim Co-Chair asking for an explanation of why procurement regulations were not applied to the work with UNISON and saying that no further progress on convergence can be made until this point is answered. Response from Interim Co-Chair saying actions appropriate
15 and 30 Dec 2010	Tim Loughton speaks to Hilton Dawson about a range of issues including further investigation of legal matters
7 Jan 2011	DH response to Bill McKitterick FOI request about how much of the Government funding for the College had been spent and what on.
7 Jan 2011	Letter from Companies House informs College of Social Workers company that there has been an objection to the use of the company name and that the Secretary of State for Business has directed the company to change its name within 12 weeks.
19 Jan 2011	Interim Board 4 th meeting
20 Jan 2011	Letter from Interim Co-Chair to BASW Chair inviting to meet
21 Jan 2011	Letter from BASW Chair no confidence in Interim Board and Interim Co-Chairs and announcing creation of BASW-College of Social Work on 24 Jan 2011
21 Jan 2011	College agrees membership criteria and begins to recruit prospective members
24 Jan 2011	BASW announces that it is changing its name to BASW – The College of Social Work and is building a rival college to cover the UK; writing to Prime Minister and Secretaries of State for Health and for Education advising them of this move
24 Jan 2011	BASW Chair letter to Moira Gibb/SWRB
25 Jan 2011	College sends open letter to BASW members and requests mediation from BASW
26 Jan 2011	BASW refuse mediation
27 Jan 2011	Letter from BASW lawyers re use of name The College of Social Work
27 Jan 2011	BASW conference at Worcestershire
28 Jan 2011	Letter from BASW Chair following discussion at Worcestershire conference agreeing to meet
31 Jan 2011	Letter from Interim Co-Chair agreeing to meet suggesting neutral observer
2 Feb 2011	Letter from Interim Co-Chair to Tim Loughton confirming commitment to the important challenges facing Social Work Profession
3 Feb 2011	Letters agreeing to a meeting
11 Feb 2011	Facilitated meeting by Dept of Education. There are no minutes

	for this meeting
18 Feb 2011	Interim Board 5 th meeting
21 Feb 2011	FOI request Martha D Boadu x2
21 Feb 2011	FOI request Philip J Measures
21 Feb 2011	FOI request Mohammed Kasim Ali
21 Feb 2011	FOI request Tony Sheperd
23 Feb 2011	FOI request Philip J Measures
28 Feb 2011	FOI request Mohammed Kasim Ali
1 Mar 2011	FOI request Philip J Measures
2 Mar 2011	Facilitated meeting by Dept of Education
2 Mar 2011	FOI request Mohammed Kasim Ali
14 Mar 2011	FOI request Tony Sheperd
16 Mar 2011	FOI request Kevin Johnson
21 Mar 2011	Interim Board 6 th meeting
21 Mar 2011	Mohammed Kasim Ali x2
22 Mar 2011	Facilitated meeting at Dept of Health
23 Mar 2011	FOI request Paul Evans
1 Apr 2011	Facilitated meeting at Dept of Education; there are no minutes for this meeting
18 April	Facilitated meeting at Dept of Education discussed MoU but issue of TUPE being stated not resolved there are no minutes for this meeting
19 Apr 2011	Interim Board 7 th meeting
19 Apr 2011	FOI request Tony Sheperd
	Series of emails resolves issue of TUPE not being mentioned in MoU
21 Apr 2011	Memorandum of Understanding signed with BASW
4 May 2011	Letter from Hilton Dawson to Chairs regarding his position. This contains personal information and cannot be disclosed
11 May 2011	Letters from Maurice Bates and Fran Fuller re letter of 4 May from Hilton Dawson which contain personal information and cannot be disclosed
12 May 2011	FOI request Kirsty McGregor
16 May 2011	1 st meeting of JWG. Papers were all draft and not finalised; notes rather than minutes were taken and were not agreed
18 and 19 May 2011	Community Care Live conference joint presentations and launch of MOU
23 May 2011	Interim Board 8 th meeting
26 May 2011	BASW AGM; Maurice Bates invited to make a five minute presentation. AGM voted overwhelmingly in favour of BASW establishing its own social worker union, and in favour of joint work with the Interim Board to build one new uk wide college of social work
7 Jun 2011	2 nd meeting of JWG. Papers for this meeting were drafts and were not agreed. There are no notes of this meeting.

2 Aug 2011	Mediation The action points from mediation were agreed, but BASW would have to agree in writing to the release of this document.
3 – 30 Aug 2011	BASW and TCSW IB agree to the appointment of Hilary de Lyon as the independent facilitator for the negotiation process Hilary de Lyon meets separately and informally with Fran Fuller and Maurice Bates in order to develop a relationship with them to assist the facilitation of the JWG meetings Officers from BASW and TCSW working on papers to be provided to JWG meeting scheduled for 6 September, with some support from the independent facilitator. These papers were not agreed between officers
30 - 31Aug 2011	Letter from Hilton Dawson to Julie Jones proposing to move straight to a Transitional Board and to cancel the JWG meeting of 6 September. Response from Julie Jones saying she will make sure that the proposal is fully debated and agreeing to cancel the JWG meeting
7 - 8 Sept 2011	Letter from Hilton Dawson to Julie Jones requesting that an urgent reply is given so that BASW Council can propose motions to EGM called for 1 November. Reply from Julie Jones saying that the proposals to be discussed by the IB and then by SCIE's Board
12 Sep 2011	Interim Board meeting. Minutes will be approved at next meeting and will then be published on the College's website
15 Sept 2011	SCIE Board meeting
16 Sep 2011	Allan Bowman letter to Fran Fuller saying that SCIE Board had endorsed recommendation of the Interim Board
19 – 21 Sept	Discussions with officials from DfE and DH on the implications for the Reform Programme and of public funding for the development of The College. Officials discuss the implications with Ministers
21 Sept	Letter to Fran Fuller from Maurice Bates and Corinne May-Chahal Press Release issued
21 Sept	2 FOI requests from Tony Sheperd