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New SSSC Council member appointed

Linda Lennie was appointed as a Council Member of the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) this week.

Welcoming the announcement Professor James McGoldrick, Convener of the SSSC said: 'I'm delighted to welcome our newest Council Member, Linda Lennie to the SSSC. Linda's experience of social services, both in her professional and personal life, will bring another perspective to the Council and enhance the breadth of expertise that my colleagues bring. Along with my fellow Council Members, I am looking forward to working with Linda over the next few years.'

Miss Lennie has experience of social care in both her professional and personal life. She was a foster carer for five years before looking after her mother due to her developing Alzheimer's. She has cared for her mother for the past eight years. She has experience working for the third sector and has recently taken up a voluntary role as a service user representative for Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Integration. Miss Lennie is also in the final year of her social work honours degree at Robert Gordon University.

Further information on the appointment can be found at <http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org/news/>

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Background

The Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) is the regulator for the social service workforce in Scotland. Our work means the people of Scotland can count on social services being provided by a trusted, skilled and confident workforce.

We protect the public by registering social service workers, setting standards for their practice, conduct, training and education and by supporting their professional development. Where people fall below the standards of practice and

conduct we can investigate and take action.

We:

- publish the national codes of practice for people working in social services and their employers
- register people working in social services and make sure they adhere to our codes of practice
- promote and regulate the learning and development of the social service workforce
- are the national lead for workforce development and planning for social services in Scotland.

Each country in the UK has its own regulatory body that is responsible for the registration and regulation of social workers and/or social service workers in their country. They are: the Social Care Wales, the Northern Ireland Social Care Council and the SSSC. The Health and Care Professions Council regulates social workers in England only.

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