

Social Work Now

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Submissions

We seek articles from knowledgeable professionals. Each edition of social Work Now focuses on a specially selected theme. Submission may include:

- **Substantive articles:** Substantive articles of around 3,000 - 4,000 words focusing on a theme are generally requested by specific invitation to the author by the editor or the Chief Social Worker. If you would like to submit an article, please contact the editor on (04) 918 9446 or email nova.salomen001@govt.nz
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If you would like to submit an article or review to *Social Work Now*, or if you have any queries please contact Nova Salomen, manager professional practice, Office of the Chief Social Worker.

Submissions may be sent by email to socialworknow@cyf.govt.nz

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