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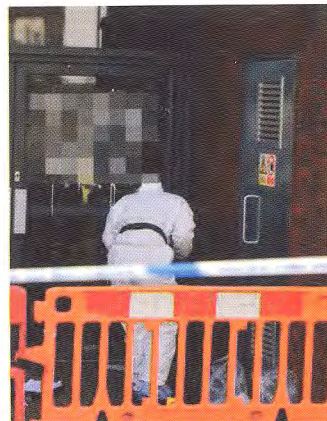
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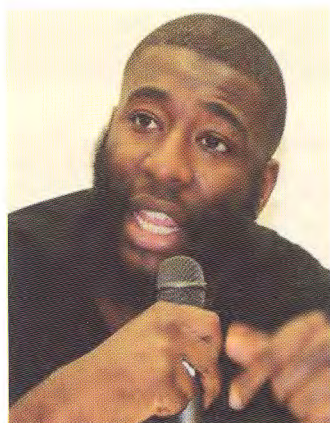
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SHAHID NAQVI



We must speak up for others – and ourselves

The photo on the front page does not relate to any story in this month's edition of *PSW*. It stands alone and speaks for itself about the times we are living in, when seeing homeless people on our streets is an everyday occurrence.

Taken in Birmingham city centre, it is a cry for humanity, a plea from someone's darkness to not be ignored. Social work is the profession that reaches out and supports those who are experiencing difficulty in life. Currently, it's doing that against a backdrop of years of austerity that has pushed more and more people to the margins.

But in order to do this work, social workers themselves need help. They need the right work conditions, resources and equipment.

Over the next few months we are spotlighting hurdles to good social work in a series called *The Unacceptables*. It starts this month with a spotlight on abuse and violence faced by social workers and the need for employers to do more to protect them from it. Because though we may understand how people's frustrations can spill over, it is never acceptable. And sometimes the profession needs to speak up for itself as well as those it serves.

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