

Social care research



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Social Care Online

<http://www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/>

UK's most extensive database of social care information

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

<http://www.scie.org.uk/index.asp>

SCIE develops and promotes knowledge about good practice in social care and social work. A freely accessible collection of research in social care. Also available is a Practice, Guidance and Standards database.

SCIE Research Register for Social Care

<http://www.researchregister.org.uk/>

(RRSC) record social care research that has been subject to independent ethical and scientific review.

Research governance: social care

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Researchanddevelopment/A-Z/DH_4002132

This document sets out a framework for the governance of research in health and *social care*.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/index.htm>

National Institute for Health Research

<http://www.nihr.ac.uk/>

The National Institute for Health Research has been established as a part of the government's strategy Best Research for Best Health to provide the framework that will position, manage and maintain the research, research staff and infrastructure of the NHS in England.

Institute for Health & Social Care Research

<http://www.ihscr.salford.ac.uk/>

The development of innovative and pioneering research, which supports and contributes to the work of the health and social care professions, in respect to their work with people of all ages as they face a complex range of health and social care needs.

Institute for Social and Economic Research

<http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/>

Research undertaken within IHSCR, through five research centres, is broad in scope and uses a range of methodologies including basic science laboratory based work, clinical work, community based research that includes major national surveys and small scale qualitative studies.

Social Services Research Group

<http://www.ssrq.org.uk/index.asp>

The network is for research information planning and evaluation in social care and health services.

British Association of Social Workers

<http://www.basw.co.uk/>

BASW is the largest association representing social work and social workers in the UK.

Campbell Collaboration

<http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/>

Sister organisation to the Cochrane Library focusing on helping people to make well-informed decisions about the effects of social, behavioural and educational interventions. The site includes SPECTR a database of trials, and also of systematic reviews.

INTUTE

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/>

This is a large gateway of resources covering all aspects of social science.

Economic and Social Research Council

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/index.aspx>

Funding agency for research and training in social care. Contains details of funding opportunities and the ESRC Social Sciences repository - a database containing journal articles, papers, reports and books.

Centre for Child and Family Research

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/research/ccfr/>

Based at Loughborough University, the Centre aims to maintain and develop programmes of research that will inform, influence and support policy and practice for children and families. The site includes an online research publications section and a bibliography of published articles.

Centre for Evidence Based Social Services

<http://www.ripfa.org.uk/aboutus/archive/>

Aims to translate evidence into service and practice. Its main objective is ensuring that decisions taken at all levels in social services are informed by trends from good quality research.

Children and Family Webguide

<http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/>

Developed by the Tufts University this is a directory that evaluates, describes and provides links to hundreds of sites containing child development research, and practical advice and policy sites.

Community Care

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk//home/default.aspx>

Website for the journal 'Community Care'

Evidence Network

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk/schools/sspp/interdisciplinary/evidence>

The Economic and Social Research Council have brought the evidence network together, and 8 research centres to make up the network. This site provides a good starting point for accessing social science research publications, including systematic reviews, the what work series and also includes a useful area on literature searching skills.

Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Social Issues

<http://www.iscfsi.bbk.ac.uk/>

The Institute undertakes research related to the development, functioning, and well being of children and families and to addressing any pressing social issues.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/>

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is one of the largest independent social policy research and development charities in the UK. It supports research and development projects in housing, social care and social policy. Executive summaries of completed research projects can be found on this site.

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