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The Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) is a research centre based within the Department of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of York. Since it was established in 1973, it has become recognised as one of the leading centres for research in social policy in the UK.

SPRU's work is particularly focused on people who are vulnerable because of poverty, unemployment, ageing, disability or chronic sickness. Research within the Unit is organised around three research teams, each of which is led by an Assistant Director:

- ▶ *Children and Families Team* (led by Professor Tricia Sloper)
- ▶ *Adults, Older People and Carers Team* (led by Professor Caroline Glendinning)
- ▶ *Social Security and Living Standards Team* (led by Dr Roy Sainsbury)

2006 was another successful and productive year for SPRU. During the year, we worked on 35 research projects, supported by a wide range of funders. As always, our work informed policy and practice development, while also making a significant contribution to academic life through publications and presentations.

A particular highlight was the successful start of the new, five-year programme of work funded by the Department of Health. This programme will focus on choice and independence across the life course (see p.8) and draws on the skills of both the **Adults, Older People and Carers Team** and the **Children and Families Team**.

We were also pleased to launch in September the edited book, *Cash and Care: Policy challenged in the welfare state*, which is based, in part, on the 2005 conference in memory of the late Professor Sally Baldwin (see p.5).

The short reports of research projects give a flavour of the diversity of our work. However, in my first introduction to the annual report, as the new Director of SPRU, I want to draw attention to two, overarching, issues that run through the year's work. The first is the way in which our research contributes to new approaches in social policy research, and the second is our continuing commitment to research that influences policy and practice.

First, the use of methods that are innovative in social policy research underpins several of the individual projects reported here. For example, we have a growing expertise in using qualitative longitudinal approaches. Both the *Pathways to Work* project (p.19) and the *Evaluation of the Job Retention and Rehabilitation Pilot* (p.20) have successfully used this approach, and a large part of the new Department of Health programme will be based on a qualitative longitudinal panel study (p.9). Our contribution to rapidly developing academic debates about how to analyse the material that emerges from this type of study draws on these developments in our work.

In a different part of the methods spectrum, we continue to extend our skills in systematic reviewing for social policy, both full systematic reviews and scoping work. In 2006, we contributed to a Health Technology Assessment appraisal of respite care for frail older people and began work on two systematic reviews, for the Social Care Institute of Excellence, on parental mental health problems. We have already written about the challenges of applying systematic review processes to the complexities of service delivery in health and social care, and will continue to contribute to these debates as such approaches gain a hold in social policy research.

Secondly, 2006 saw a range of contributions from SPRU to policy or practice development. The majority of our projects have 'end-users', and we produce for them

the usual range of full and summary reports and 'findings'. However, we also provide face-to-face briefings and targeted input for policy development. This year we welcomed Maria Eagle, the then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, to York. Alongside colleagues from the Social Work Research and Development Unit, members of the **Children and Families Team** discussed with her recent research and major issues in the field. The **Social Security and Living Standards Team** responded to a range of invitations to brief special advisers, government ministers, and visiting officials from OECD. The **Children and Families Team** and the **Adults, Older People and Carers Team** provided input, respectively, to the Treasury and the Department of Health for work leading up to the Comprehensive Spending Review. Finally, members of both the **Social Security and Living Standards** and the **Children and Families** teams provided expert support to the Department for Education and Skills on indicators and measures of child well-being that might assess the outcomes for children identified in the *Every Child Matters* Green Paper.

We are also committed to informing practice, where this is feasible. This year saw high profile dissemination of our work on the *Every Child Matters* outcomes and their relevance for disabled children. A practitioner-focused event in May 2006 was massively over-subscribed and we had to run another in October (see p.4).

Care Co-ordination Network UK (CCNUK) is a charity that had its origins in a SPRU project. It has now developed into a fully-fledged, independent organisation with workers in each UK country. In April, CCNUK flew the nest to larger offices in York where it will continue its work promoting key-worker services for disabled and chronically sick children. We will maintain our links with CCNUK through the **Children and Families Team**.

None of our work would be possible without the support of a wide range of funders. These include the Department for Education and Skills, the Department of Health, the Department for Work and Pensions, the Economic and Social Research Council, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the NHS Service Delivery and Organisation R&D Programme, the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, the Social Care Institute for Excellence, and others. We thank them all.

Finally, I would like to thank the previous Director, Peter Kemp, who left York in April 2006 to become the Barnett Professor in Social Policy at the University of Oxford. Peter's stewardship of SPRU was exemplary and it has been a privilege to take on the leadership of such a successful, efficient and happy research unit. The three assistant directors – Caroline Glendinning, Roy Sainsbury, and Tricia Sloper, along with the unit administrator, Jeanette Whalley – kept things running smoothly until I took

up my post in October and I wish to thank them too. I look forward to working with them, and all the research and support staff here, to take SPRU into its next phase of development.

Gillian Parker
Director

Every Child Matters Outcomes: What do they mean for disabled children?

When the Department of Health commissioned SPRU in 2001 to carry out a four-year Research & Development project on outcomes for disabled children and their families, the concept of outcomes was relatively unfamiliar within children's services. However, during the project, the Government published the Green Paper, *Every Child Matters*, which identified five universal outcomes for children: stay safe, be healthy, achieve and enjoy, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being. This provoked a high level of interest in the research as practitioners faced the key questions of how these universal outcomes might 'fit' disabled children, and how they should go about collecting information about outcomes.

Given that the research was so topical, and had the its potential to contribute to both policy and practice debates, it was decided to hold a conference focusing on the topic. The Department of Health provided funding and, in May 2006, 120 delegates from around the country attended the '*Every Child Matters Outcomes: what do they mean for disabled children?*' conference at the University of York. We reported the findings of our project, while external speakers from the Department for Education and Skills and the Council for Disabled Children reported the work they were doing around defining and measuring outcomes for disabled children. Practitioners also described how they were implementing an outcomes-focused approach.



The first conference was hugely oversubscribed so was repeated in October. There was a sense at both conferences that children's services were just beginning to tackle the issue of outcomes for disabled children, and that the conference had been very useful in developing delegates' understanding of outcomes and outcomes-focused working. A number of delegates asked for a similar event to be held in twelve months' time; others asked for a venue closer to where they worked (we are a long way from Cornwall!). It would certainly be interesting to revisit this in a year's time: next summer, perhaps...in Newquay?

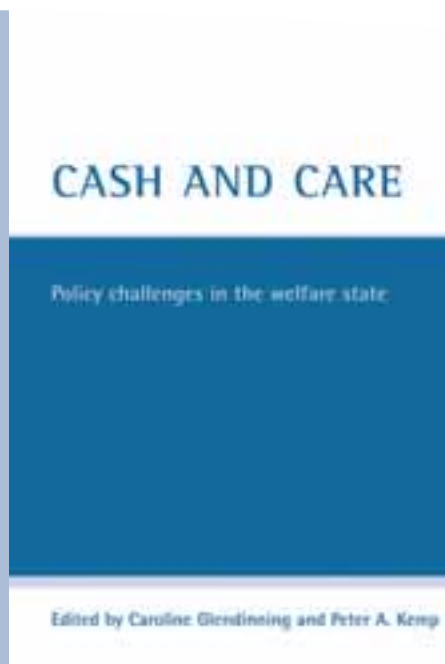


(above) Christine Lenehan, Director of the Council for Disabled Children, addresses the conference audience on the theme 'Making *Every Child Matters* Outcomes Work For Disabled Children'.
(below) Delegates enjoy the workshop on 'Outcomes-based approaches – art, craft or science?' delivered by Mike Pinnock, North Lincolnshire Council.



Cash and Care: Policy challenges in the welfare state

edited by Caroline Glendinning and Peter A Kemp



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The *Cash and Care* book originated from a conference organised by SPRU in April 2005 to commemorate the contribution made to social policy research by Professor Sally Baldwin. Over 30 papers were presented to the conference by established academics, research students and service users. Some of these papers formed the nucleus of this new edited book; other chapters were specially commissioned to create a balanced and integrated collection.

The book examines the changing divisions between 'cash' and 'care-based' welfare, and the complex interactions between these, and some of the major causes of disadvantage such as poverty, disability and social exclusion.

In examining these changing patterns, the book draws attention to the role of welfare 'subjects' in generating evidence to underpin formal policy-making. *Cash and Care* includes contributions from prominent researchers in the UK, Australia, Scandinavia and Europe and is aimed at students and teachers in social policy, applied social sciences, health and social care.

The book was launched at a seminar held in September 2006 at which policy-makers and academics reflected on the key themes in the book and their relevance to current policy and practice. Laura Ladd from the Department of Health spoke about the piloting of individual budgets; Melanie Henwood, an independent analyst, reflected on cash and care within a shifting policy context.

Dr Jenny Morris, an independent consultant, traced the origins and development of current policies on independent living; and Professor Ruth Hancock, University of Essex, described recent research on the funding of long-term care. The seminar was chaired by Professor Peter Kemp.

We are very grateful to Peter, and to the support provided by the Department of Social Policy, University of Oxford, for making the seminar a success. We are also grateful to the Department of Health, the ESRC and the Social Policy Association for the financial support they provided for the original conference.

SPRU's Consultation Groups



Members of the Children & Families Team Consultation Group together for the autumn meeting at SPRU.

Consultation groups provide key support to the Children and Families and to the Adults, Older People and Carers teams. Members of the groups have first-hand experience of using health and/or social care services and can give an insider's view of the issues relevant to their lives.

For the Children and Families Team, the members are parents or carers of a disabled child. The group was initiated in 2001 to involve parents/carers in all stages of the research process, including identifying topics for research, preparing proposals, advising on the methods used in the research, and disseminating findings. This recognises that parents are 'experts' on the lives of families with disabled children and the team thus ensures its research is responsive to issues that are important to disabled children and young people and their families. Parents/carers of children of different ages and wide-ranging physical and/or learning disabilities are represented on the group. A parallel group of disabled young people has recently been set up.

The Adults, Older People and Carers Team consultation group was established more recently. It also consists of people who use health and social care services, including disabled and older people, and family carers. In this way the Team can make sure that all the research they undertake covers issues that are important to adults and older people. Consultation group members find out more about research and have a say in what is studied in the future. When projects are finished, they will give advice on the best ways to ensure that the people who need to know the results, get them. Sometimes the team will run workshops or conferences to tell people about their research and members of the consultation group can choose to be involved in these.

Welfare reform at the Labour Party Conference

Roy Sainsbury speaking to the meeting, alongside panel members (left to right) Cliff Prior, Chief Executive of Rethink and Jim Murphy MP, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform.



One million of the 2.7 million Incapacity Benefit claimants in the UK have a mental health problem, a learning disability or an autistic spectrum disorder and are therefore key groups in relation to welfare reform.

Dr Roy Sainsbury was an invited speaker at an event hosted by the national charity *Together* at the recent Labour Party Conference. The theme of 'Making welfare reform work for people with mental health needs, learning disabilities and autistic spectrum disorders' was debated by the panel of leading experts in the field. Alongside Roy Sainsbury the panel included:

- ▶ Jim Murphy MP, Minister for Employment and Welfare Reform
- ▶ Cliff Prior, Chief Executive of Rethink, the charity for people with severe mental illness

- ▶ Susan Bicknell, who brought an individual claimant's perspective to the debate.

SPRU's recent research has included evaluating initiatives to make welfare more responsive to individuals' needs (including current projects on the Pathways to Work pilots, and on an initiative that locates employment advisers in GP surgeries) and research into the routes people take into and out of work because of illness.

At the event, Roy spoke about the Government's plans to reform Incapacity Benefit, the subject also of a recently published article: Sainsbury, R. (2006) Long-term benefits reform – should a single working-age benefit be the aim? *Disability Rights Bulletin*, Spring 2006, 5–7.

together
WORKING FOR WELLBEING

The Adults, Older People and Carers Team is led by Professor Caroline Glendinning. Research within the team focuses on the views and experiences of adults and older people coping with disability or chronic illness and their families. Current studies are funded by the Department of Health (DH); the Social Care Institute for Excellence; the NHS Service Delivery and Organisation R&D Programme; the Economic and Social Research Council; and the Actuarial Profession.

A major research theme is the changing opportunities for users of services to exercise choice and control over their support and other arrangements. This theme is at the core of the DH research programme, which includes a qualitative longitudinal Panel Study investigating disabled and older people's experiences of choice, control and independence; and a separate study of providers' capacity to respond to increased user choice. Increasing opportunities for service users to exercise choice and control is also central to the national evaluation of the Individual Budget Pilot projects (IBSEN), which links members of the team with collaborators in two other research units with DH-funded programmes. Similar developments in other countries are an on-going area of research interest.

The Team is also involved in collaborative projects with members of the Children and Families Team and the Social Security and Living Standards Team.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2006–10

Choice and independence across the lifecourse

Programme Leader:
Caroline Glendinning

The core aim of SPRU's Department of Health research programme is to examine critically both policies and academic debates surrounding the key concepts of choice and independence, as experienced by older people, disabled adults and children, and their families.

Extending choice to the users of public sector services is at the heart of current Government policies. These policies reflect, and are reflected in, academic debates about the role of consumerism and choice in publicly-funded services.

The programme aims to address the following questions:

- ▶ What kinds of choices over social care and related services are important to disabled and chronically ill young people, adults and older people, and their families or carers; why are these choices important; how do important choices vary between different groups; and how do they relate to concepts and experiences of independence?
 - ▶ What opportunities do disabled and chronically ill young people, adults and older people and their families or carers have to make the choices that are important to them; what information and other support is needed to facilitate these choices?
 - ▶ What roles do carers play in supporting choice and what are the implications for their own opportunities to exercise choice?
 - ▶ What are the consequences of the choices made by disabled and chronically ill young people, adults and older people, and their families or carers?
 - ▶ How far are service providers able to respond to (increased) choice on the part of service users?
- During 2006, we conducted four preliminary scoping studies to help clarify the focus of the programme and refine the main research questions. These studies were to:
- ▶ Review empirical social policy research from the UK and other countries on the practice, experiences and outcomes of initiatives to increase the choices that disabled and older people can exercise over their support arrangements (see *Welfare consumerism, disability and social care: Scoping review*, p.9).
 - ▶ Identify the key theoretical approaches in psychological research on decision-making and choice (see *Understanding the dynamics of decision-making and choice about social care and related services*, p.24).
 - ▶ Review recent research on the role of carers in exercising choices both for themselves and with or on behalf of the person they are supporting.
 - ▶ Review how far further secondary analyses of existing large-scale longitudinal data sets (particularly the British Household Panel Survey and the English Longitudinal Study

on Ageing) could shed light on the key research questions. Preliminary work on this was halted pending the completion of similar work being undertaken by Professor Maria Evandrou under the ESRC SAGE research programme.

These preliminary studies have been particularly important in contributing to the development of a longitudinal qualitative panel study (see *Choice and Change: Extending Choice and Control over the Lifecourse – a qualitative longitudinal study*, on this page).

Publication

Arksey, H. and Glendinning, C. (forthcoming) Choice in the context of informal care-giving, *Health and Social Care in the Community*.

Welfare consumerism, disability and social care: scoping review

On-going project

Department of Health Research Programme 2006–2010

February 2006 to December 2006

Hilary Arksey, Sue Clarke; Peter Kemp (University of Oxford)

In recent years, the Government has prioritised the extension of choice to people who use social care services. Individuals are conceptualised as active consumers of public services, able to exercise enhanced choice over how their needs should be met and thus experience greater control over their own lives. However, there are conflicting views about the advantages and disadvantages of the Government's choice agenda. This literature review

aims to provide a conceptual and policy context to the research being undertaken within SPRU's Department of Health Programme, particularly the Panel Study (see *Choice and Change: Extending Choice and Control over the Lifecourse – a qualitative longitudinal study*, on this page).

The specific questions addressed by the literature review are:

- ▶ What importance do disabled and chronically ill young people, adults and older people attach to choice over social and other welfare services?
- ▶ Over which domains or aspects of services is the exercise of choice particularly important?
- ▶ What individual and organisational factors are known to facilitate or impede the exercise of choice by disabled young people, adults and older people, and their families and carers?
- ▶ What factors and interventions have been shown to enable service users to exercise choice?

Initial searches revealed a large and disparate body of literature. Search strategies were subsequently narrowed to identify empirical research from the UK and other countries, published since 1995, relating to welfare consumerism strategies or initiatives. To be included in the review, the research also has to meet a specified quality threshold. Data addressing the key research questions have been extracted thematically. The findings of the review are contributing to the theoretical framework underpinning the Department

of Health's programme, as well as the topic guides to be used in interviews with study participants.

Choice and change: extending choice and control over the lifecourse – a qualitative longitudinal panel study

On-going project

Department of Health Research Programme 2006–2010

January 2006 to December 2010

Caroline Glendinning, Hilary Arksey, Kate Baxter, Janet Heaton, Wendy Mitchell, Parveneh Rabiee, Tricia Sloper

This qualitative panel study brings together researchers from across the Adults, Older People and Carers and the Children and Families teams in SPRU, to examine the experiences of choice, over time, amongst disabled and chronically ill people at different stages of the life course.

The aims of the panel study are to:

- ▶ explore the realities of exercising choice about support and other services in the context of changing circumstances
- ▶ identify the conditions in which disabled young people, adults, older people – and their families and carers – make choices about support and other related services, particularly:
- ▶ their perceptions of the options available and their potential consequences
- ▶ the information and other support that is sought, available, and actually used, in making choices
- ▶ the social contexts in which choices are made, including

the roles of families and professionals in shaping and contributing to choices

- ▶ examine the consequences of choices about support and related services, including users' perceptions of the responses of service providers and the impact on perceived independence.

These questions will be examined with three groups of people; we aim initially to recruit 30 participants in each group:

- ▶ young people with progressive or deteriorating conditions and their families
- ▶ adults and older people with fluctuating conditions
- ▶ adults and older people experiencing the sudden onset of a disability.

Each participant will be interviewed up to five times over a three-year period; complementary interviews will be carried out with key professionals or family members who are reported to have been heavily involved in specific recent choices.

Preparatory work during 2006 has involved:

- ▶ working with a range of statutory and voluntary agencies that have agreed to help identify potential study participants
- ▶ obtaining NHS Research Ethics approval
- ▶ securing Research Governance approval in four NHS organisations and one local authority that are assisting in recruiting participants
- ▶ considering the findings of the scoping reviews and their

implications for the design of the panel study topic guides (see scoping reviews below)

- ▶ developing and piloting topic guides for the first round of interviews.

By the end of 2006 the study team had started to recruit participants; the first round of interviews is expected to begin early in 2007.

RESPONSIVE FUNDING

A proportion of SPRU's Programme funding from the Department of Health is 'ring-fenced' to allow the Department of Health to commission work that is of urgent policy relevance. During 2006 two projects were commissioned under this 'Responsive' funding mode.

Responsive study 1: Scoping review on access to information about social care services

Completed project
Department of Health
– Responsive Funding
January 2006 to July 2006
Kate Baxter, Sue Clarke,
Caroline Glendinning

In its 2004 report *Bridging the Gap – participation in social care regulation*, the Better Regulation Task Force (BRTF) recommended that 'the Department of Health should commission research on people's experiences of the availability and accessibility of information on the range of social care services available to them (including voluntary and informal services)'.
In response, the Department of Health commissioned SPRU to

conduct a scoping review of available evidence on the accessibility of information about social care services. The aims of the review were to identify gaps in knowledge and Government activity about the accessibility and availability of information for service users and carers across the whole spectrum of adult social care and, if appropriate, to identify where new research might be needed.

The methods adopted for the review were unusual; they included documenting the wide range of activities currently under way across a number of Government departments that aimed either to investigate or to improve the accessibility and availability of information about social care services. Forty-seven relevant projects were identified. Eleven were research projects investigating the information needs of, or accessibility of information for, different groups of social care service users and/or carers; 36 were development projects aiming to improve the accessibility of information about social care services. Details of these projects were mapped and gaps identified.

A limited search for recent research evidence was then conducted in areas where no current Government research or development activities were found. Finally, telephone interviews were conducted with informants in a small number of key voluntary organisations about perceived gaps in the information that is available.

The scoping review identified gaps in both current research activities and knowledge about some specific services and service users. Some

groups of service users were identified as having information needs that were not being addressed by current development projects.

Publications

Baxter, K., Glendinning, C. and Clarke, S. (2006) *Scoping Review on Access to Information about Social Care Services*, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, York.

Responsive study 2: A review of the research evidence surrounding risk perceptions, risk management strategies and their consequences in adult social care for different groups of service users

Completed project

Department of Health

– Responsive Funding

May 2006 to November 2006

Wendy Mitchell, Sue Clarke,
Caroline Glendinning

The aim of this study was to identify and review published empirical research evidence on definitions and perceptions of risk, and on risk-related practice within the field of adult social care. Research published since 1990 was included, with a particular focus on English research. The review drew on literature from several disciplines, including social policy, sociology, psychology (especially social psychology), economics and media studies.

The largest bodies of empirical research were found on risk and older people; and on risk and people with learning disabilities. Most research was relatively small scale, sometimes based on only a

few case studies. There was very little research focusing specifically on service users' definitions of risk and/or approaches to managing risk; most research considered their perspectives alongside those of practitioners and/or informal carers.

There were seven main themes in the retrieved research:

- ▶ risk and the search for a 'normal life'
- ▶ risk and the importance of socially perceived competence
- ▶ risk and strategies to gain or maintain control
- ▶ risk in different contexts
- ▶ risk and the importance of knowledge and experience
- ▶ risk and wider socio-economic factors
- ▶ risk and the role of technology.

The review will inform new practice guidelines being prepared by the Department of Health to support moves to give service users greater choice and control over their support arrangements. A paper drawing on the research has been accepted for presentation at an ESRC conference on Social Contexts and Responses to Risk, to be held at Queens' College Cambridge in 2007; and a further paper for submission to an academic journal is in preparation.

Publications

Mitchell, W. and Glendinning, C. (forthcoming) *A Review of the Research Evidence Surrounding Risk Perceptions, Risk Management Strategies and their Consequences in Adult Social Care for Different Groups of Service Users*, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, York.

OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

Integrated services for people with long-term neurological conditions: an evaluation of the National Service Framework

On-going project

NHS R&D Programme on

Service Delivery and Organisation

May 2006 to April 2009

Gillian Parker, Sylvia Bernard,

Fiona Aspinall, Kate Gridley

Collaborators: Rachel Fyson,

Mark Lymbery, Christopher Ward

(University of Nottingham) Helen

McLoughry (Nottingham City PCT)

The National Service Framework (NSF) for Long Term Neurological Conditions (LTNCs) encourages service providers to integrate specialist and non-specialist services within the health service, social services, the voluntary or independent sectors and other services. However there is little guidance about what helps organisations to do this, or about how to judge whether they have achieved it.

This project will identify what helps or hinders integrated services and design a benchmarking system, based on these factors. A key question will be how different people with LTNCs (for example, men/women; older people/younger people; people from minority ethnic and majority communities) and people with different types of LTNCs experience integration. The work is in four stages:

- ▶ a scoping exercise and rapid review of evidence on best models of integrated service provision for LTNCs, how to achieve them, and their impact

- ▶ in-depth case studies in six neurology 'service systems' to identify the key indicators of good quality, integrated service provision and understand its impact on service users and their families or carers
- ▶ using material from the first two stages to develop benchmarks to assess the type, quality and impact of integrated services in local areas
- ▶ using the benchmarks to assess the development of integrated services nationally as the NSF is implemented.

The six case studies will cover more and less integrated service systems and diversity of population and area. People affected by LTNCs, their support networks, professionals and practitioners across health and social services, the independent sector and other relevant services will form the samples for all stages. People affected by LTNCs and their organisations will be full partners in the research. Diversity of need is central to the project.

Planned outputs are interim and final reports for the Department of Health, a 'findings' document for people with LTNCs and their representatives and for those who manage and deliver services, and the benchmark questionnaire. Academic outputs are also planned.

Person- and carer-centred respite care for people with dementia: developing methods of evaluating the effectiveness of different models

On-going project

NHS Service Delivery and Organisation R&D Programme (SDO)

March 2006 to February 2008

Hilary Arksey (SPRU); John Bond, Claire Bamford (Newcastle University)

Respite care has historically focused on the needs of carers, but a range of models of respite care are now available which aim to provide a positive experience for people with dementia and their carers. Although person-centred care is a key policy objective, the issue of how to evaluate this concept is under-researched and available tools have a number of limitations. This study aims to:

- ▶ identify the range of models of respite care and describe how these are implemented in practice
- ▶ develop an understanding of person- and carer-centred care and how it is operationalised in different models of respite care from the perspectives of people with dementia, carers and service providers
- ▶ iteratively develop and test practical tool(s) for evaluating person- and carer-centred care.

Complementary research methods are being used to achieve these objectives. The range of models of respite care for people with dementia will be identified through a literature review and national telephone survey. The meanings of person- and carer-centred care will

be explored through focus groups and individual interviews with: people with dementia; carers; health and social care professionals. The research team will draw on these data to develop tools in the form of questionnaires or checklists comprising components of person- and carer-centred care. These will be iteratively tested in up to ten settings using comparative case studies. Interviews will be conducted with service users and professionals to evaluate the feasibility and acceptability of the questionnaires.

Evaluation of the Individual Budgets Pilot Projects (IBSEN)

On-going project

Department of Health

August 2005 to March 2008

Caroline Glendinning, Kate Baxter, Mark Wilberforce, Nicola Moran, Parvaneh Rabiee (SPRU); David Challis, Sally Jacobs (PSSRU, Manchester); Martin Knapp, José-Luis Fernandez (PSSRU, LSE); Ann Netten, Karen Jones (PSSRU, Kent); Jill Manthorpe, Martin Stevens (SCWRU, King's College)

Individual Budgets (IBs) are central to Government plans to increase choice and control for users of adult and other services. IBs are being piloted in 13 local authorities across England between 2005 and 2008.

The aim of this major collaborative project is to establish whether IBs provide a better way of supporting older people and adults with social care needs than conventional methods of funding, commissioning and service

delivery; and the relative merits of different IB models for different groups of users. The evaluation includes:

- ▶ a randomised design, with the outcomes, costs and cost-effectiveness of IBs compared with a comparison group after six months
- ▶ an assessment of the impact of IBs on social care staff training needs, workloads and job satisfaction
- ▶ an in-depth examination of users' experiences of planning and using IBs, including the information and support needed in the process
- ▶ an evaluation of the process of implementing IBs in the pilot local authorities and partner agencies, and their wider organisational consequences.

SPRU is responsible for the overall conduct and co-ordination of the evaluation and also for the design, fieldwork and analysis of the latter two elements of the evaluation.

Work during 2006 has included obtaining NHS Ethical approval and Research Governance approvals in the 13 pilot sites; setting up websites and database systems to allow pilot sites to return data to the evaluation team; recruiting interviewers for the outcome interviews; and conducting interviews with pilot site lead officers about the background to their IB pilot and the local implementation processes. In addition interviews have been conducted with early IB users.

During 2007, work in SPRU will focus on capturing baseline data

from IB holders and comparison group members; conducting in-depth interviews with a subsample of IB holders about their experiences of planning their support; and investigating the processes of implementation in different pilot sites.

The results of the evaluation will be crucial to Government decisions as to whether this approach should be rolled out on a nation-wide basis.

Two reports on the progress of IBSEN are forthcoming for 2007. The main output will be in Spring 2008.

Publication

Glendinning, C., Challis, D., Fernández, J-L., Jones, K., Knapp, M., Manthorpe, J., Netten, A., Stevens, M. and Wilberforce, M. (forthcoming) Evaluating the Individual Budget Pilot projects, *Journal of Care Services Management*, 1 (2)

Partner carers and partner care

On-going project

Unfunded

April 2006 onwards

Michael Hirst and

Mo Ray (Keele University)

Care giving between partners and spouses is likely to be the most private and possibly the most resilient of relationships. As a consequence, partner care is easily taken for granted by policy makers and service providers. Yet partners are one of the most important sources of unpaid care among older people who are ill, frail or

disabled, and currently they are the fastest growing group of family carers. The implications of these trends for policy and practice, and particularly future demand for and spending on long-term care for older people, have not been widely anticipated or debated.

This work brings together insights from the literature on partner care, new findings based on analysis of the British Household Panel Survey, and future projections of the number of married and cohabiting couples. The aims are to understand current patterns of care giving and care receiving between partners, including same sex couples, and take stock of recent trends. As well as arguing for greater recognition of the role and contribution of partner carers, the review will identify areas for further research on partner care and inform debates about future policy needs and directions. Findings will be disseminated in 2007.

Double discrimination? Gender and disability in access to the graduate labour market

Completed project

European Social Fund (Higher Education: Research into Gender Discrimination)

June 2005 to September 2006

Gillian Parker, Michael Hirst, Professor Gillian Pascall and Dr Nicola Hendey (University of Nottingham)

Both government and disabled people see paid work as the best route out of poverty and social exclusion, yet disabled people are

less likely than their non-disabled peers to take up or retain paid employment, and more likely to occupy poorly-paid, low-status jobs. Disabled women often fare worse than both disabled men and non-disabled women. Access to higher education can boost employment opportunities, sustain career development, and increase occupational choice. This project aimed to understand how disabled women's and disabled men's experiences at university translated into good quality, sustainable career opportunities in professional, managerial and senior official roles. It identified their support needs, investigated the role of careers guidance and planning, and suggested practical strategies to enhance occupational success.

The study was predominantly qualitative, based on interviews with disabled women and men in their final university year and following graduation. Interviews with university disability support workers and careers advisers and with employers were also carried out. The project was committed to using emancipatory methods and the topics explored were largely determined by the participants themselves rather than the researchers. Existing literature and official statistics were also reviewed to understand how disabled graduates currently fare in the labour market. Existing datasets, including administrative sources, were reviewed and reanalysed for evidence of disabled graduates' labour market position and working patterns following graduation. Employment outcomes of disabled

women and disabled men were compared using both cross-sectional and longitudinal data.

A report was sent to the funders in December 2006.

Knowledge review on outcomes-focused services for older people

Completed project

Social Care Institute for Excellence and SPRU Department of Health Programme
April 2005 to February 2006
Caroline Glendinning, Inna Kotchetkova, Janet Heaton, Sue Clarke, and Liz Newbronner, Philippa Hare, Jane Maddison (Acton Shapiro)

This knowledge review has three strands. First a review was conducted of research evidence on the outcomes that older people and their carers value and aspire to achieve from their contacts with social care services; and on the factors that are known to facilitate or inhibit the commissioning, organisation and delivery of outcomes-focused services for older people. Secondly, following extensive screening, a postal survey was conducted of all adult social services departments in England and Wales that were known to be developing outcomes-focused approaches to any aspect of their services for older people. The survey revealed the extent and variety of approaches; identified common barriers and ways of overcoming them; and enabled us to identify six localities for in-depth study. The third strand involved interviews with service managers, front-line staff and service users in these six localities.

The knowledge review will strengthen the evidence base on how to deliver outcomes-focused services for older people.

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Carers and the management of financial assets in later life: a scoping study

Completed project

The Actuarial Profession
January 2006 – June 2006
Hilary Arksey, Anne Corden, Caroline Glendinning, Michael Hirst

Helping older people manage their financial assets is a common experience for friends and relatives. Drawing on the experiences of a research team

at the University of Queensland, this exploratory study aimed to:

- ▶ explore professional stakeholders' views about carers' roles in managing older people's finances and assets
- ▶ review research on carers' involvement in these tasks
- ▶ identify sources of information and advice for carers and older people
- ▶ evaluate the potential of existing datasets for providing evidence on the prevalence of carers' involvement in managing older people's finances and the issues this raises.

The research design involved four complementary work packages. Interviews were carried out with informants whose role involved providing advice and information to carers and older people about issues related to managing money from organisations in the public, private and independent sectors. A scoping review of recent national and international literature was undertaken. Published advice and information were identified by searching the internet sites of 80 organisations including government departments, regulatory bodies and voluntary organisations. Finally, seven nationally representative samples of households were identified. Data files and survey questionnaires were obtained from the Data Archive and evaluated.

A seminar, hosted by the Actuarial Profession, is being held in London in February 2007 to disseminate the findings to stakeholders and build consensus about the key questions to be addressed by a larger investigation of these complex issues.

Publications

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Arksey, H., Corden, A., Glendinning, C. and Hirst, M. (2006) Carers and the management of financial assets in later life, *Research Works*, 2006–2, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, York.

Respite care for frail older people: an appraisal of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness

Completed project

NHS R&D Programme on Health Technology Assessment.

March 2005 to February 2006

Hilary Arksey and Caroline Glendinning (SPRU); Joy Adamson and Karen Spilsbury (Department of Health Sciences); Mike Drummond, Anne Mason and Helen Weatherly (Centre for Health Economics); Su Golder (Centre for Reviews and Dissemination)

Three-quarters of all carers in the UK look after people who are aged 65 and over. Caring for frail older people can adversely affect carers' health and quality of life. Respite care aims to provide carers with a break from care-giving. Carers have identified respite as critical to their caring efforts, but little is known about its effectiveness and added value. This literature review aimed to:

- ▶ systematically identify, appraise and synthesise the evidence for

the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of different models of community-based respite care for frail older people and their carers

- ▶ identify subgroups of carers and care recipients, for whom respite care is particularly effective or cost-effective.

Thirty-seven databases were searched; reference checking and citation searches were also undertaken. Well-controlled effectiveness studies were eligible for inclusion, with uncontrolled studies admissible only in the absence of higher-quality evidence. Eligible economic evaluations were also included. Where appropriate, data were synthesized using standard meta-analytic techniques.

Publications

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Mason, A., Weatherly, H., Spilsbury, K., Golder, S., Arksey, H., Adamson, J. and Drummond, M. (forthcoming) The Effectiveness and Cost-effectiveness of Respite for Caregivers of Frail Older People: a systematic review, *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

The Social Security and Living Standards Team is led by Dr Roy Sainsbury. Its research focuses on poverty, income maintenance and employment, particularly in connection with families and children, sick and disabled people, and older workers and pensioners.

The main streams of work being undertaken by the researchers within the Team are: the living standards of children and families; social security and the labour market, especially welfare to work policies in relation to people on incapacity benefit and other groups on the margins of employment; employment policies for sick and disabled people; financial effects of bereavement; housing benefit; and the administration and delivery of benefits and tax credits, including the issue of social security fraud.

Recently, the Team has begun to develop research on pensions and pensioner poverty, which complements our existing expertise in child poverty.

The Team has a long track record of international comparative research.

Claimants' experiences of changes in circumstances and the effects of recovering overpayments

On-going project

Department for Work and Pensions

March 2006 to July 2007

Roy Sainsbury, Jacqueline Davidson, Annie Irvine

Errors by Social Security claimants and by processing staff in Jobcentre Plus offices can lead to both under and overpayments of benefits. In 2006 more money is lost through claimant and staff error than through social security fraud. To inform the strategy which aims to tackle the high levels of error, the Department for Work and Pensions has commissioned SPRU to carry out qualitative research to explore how benefit claimants' experience changes in circumstances that affect entitlement to benefit, including how current overpayment policies affect reporting behaviour.

The objectives of the study are focused on the key areas of:

- ▶ how claimants experience changes in circumstances
- ▶ experiences of reporting changes
- ▶ claimants' knowledge and perceptions about reporting changes in circumstances
- ▶ claimants' sources of knowledge.

The project has two stages. In the first stage of the research (March – May 2006) separate focus groups were carried out with recipients of Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Pension Credit and Housing Benefit. The findings from the focus groups were used

to inform the design of the second stage of the research, which commenced in October 2006 and involved 50 participants taking part in qualitative, longitudinal research which aims to explore experiences of changes in circumstances in depth.

Participants were sampled in order to achieve an equal number of men and women, and to reflect diversity in age groups, ethnic backgrounds and geographical locations. In the final stage of the research, a series of six focus groups, each comprising 6–8 participants, will be carried out in order to explore people's views on effective policy concerning reporting changes in circumstances.

The project will be completed in 2007.

Employment Advisers in GP Surgeries Pilot

On-going project

Department for Work and Pensions

July 2006 to December 2007

Roy Sainsbury, Anne Corden, Katharine Nice (in collaboration with the National Centre for Social Research)

As part of the Government's policy to help people who have health conditions to remain in, or return to, work a new pilot initiative has been set up to place employment advisers into GP surgeries.

The pilot started in February 2006 and covers six areas of Great Britain. Under the pilot arrangements people of working age visiting a GP surgery will be offered advice by an employment adviser from Jobcentre Plus.

In some areas the advisers work alongside a health practitioner seconded from the NHS. Contact might be through self-referral or referral from a GP, other practice worker, or externally via a health worker in, for example a community mental health team or local NHS pain clinic. The pilot is open to all working age patients but particularly appropriate for people receiving Statutory Sick Pay or Incapacity Benefit.

The research design has two main components. A survey of 500 surgery patients who had contacted an adviser commenced in late 2006 and will be completed in early 2007. The sample will be re-interviewed six months later to gather data on longer-term impacts of the adviser contact. The survey is being carried out with the National Centre for Social Research.

The survey is being complemented by qualitative work in late 2006 with the key actors in the GP surgeries including the employment advisers, a selection of GPs, practice managers, and other involved practice staff.

Findings will emerge in the course of the project and a final report submitted in late 2007.

Financial consequences of the death of a partner

On-going project

Economic and Social Research Council

June 2006 to February 2008

Anne Corden, Michael Hirst and Katharine Nice

In Britain, people whose life partner has died are at particular risk of poverty and problem debt. Their experiences of and feelings about financial pressures and economic uncertainties may be contributing strands in their responses to bereavement. There has been little previous research in this area, however.

This study will investigate the economic and financial consequences of bereavement for a surviving spouse or partner and their household, using a mixed methods prospective design with two components. A statistical analysis will provide a broad, representative context. A qualitative study will provide insights into changes over time in the lives of individual people, the processes involved, outcomes and their meaning. Each element will help to answer questions generated by the other.

The statistical element will be based on analysis of 14 waves of the British Household Panel Survey covering 1991–2004. Analysis will show individuals' personal and household circumstances before and after bereavement; the changes in their financial circumstances and outlook, including the role of earnings, benefits and pensions; the impact on financial circumstances after the partner's

death of pre-bereavement factors such as expenditure, money management and financial strain; which people are at greatest risk of financial problems after their partner dies; and the extent and duration of financial difficulties. The qualitative element will involve a series of 50 personal interviews with people at different life stages whose partner has died. Those invited to take part will include people whose partner was receiving palliative care for a life-limiting condition, people whose partner died unexpectedly, and older people whose partner was approaching the end of the life course.

Findings will:

- have implications for social security, tax, pensions, housing and legal matters
- inform the development of bereavement support and financial advice services
- be directly relevant to the role of primary health and social care.

Developing a local index of child well-being

On-going Project

Neighbourhood Renewal Unit,
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
April 2006 to June 2007

Jonathan Bradshaw, Michael Noble (University of Oxford), Karen Bloor (Social Policy and Social Work Department) Meg Huby (Social Policy and Social Work Department), David Rhodes (Centre for Housing Policy), Ian Gibbs and Ian Sinclair (Social Work Research and Development Unit)

National initiatives to tackle child poverty and social exclusion have become increasingly concentrated at local levels, for example, Sure Start, the Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative, New Deal for Communities, Health Action Zones, Priority Estates. At the same time, mainstream services at local level are being scrutinised on the extent to which their services are being directed to children most in need.

As a result of the Green Paper *Every Child Matters* (published by the Department for Education and Science in 2003) and the establishment of a Minister for Children, children's services are beginning to be brought together at a local level as Children's Trusts. There is now a need for information about the status of children not just at local authority level but also at smaller area levels so that Trusts and their predecessor local authorities can plan and evaluate their work.

The aim of the project is to develop an index of child well-being at the level of Lower Layer Super Output

Areas for England, which is the current geography for the Indices of Deprivation 2004 and the geographical basis for the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. Summaries will be produced at both District and County levels.

The output from the project will include a CD with all the local domain level data on it, and local authorities and other agencies will be able to add to it using local sources where necessary. A Blueprint will be published around Easter 2007 and the Index will be published with the new Index of Deprivation in Summer 2007.

A minimum income standard for Britain

On-going Project

Joseph Rowntree Foundation
May 2006 to December 2007

Jonathan Bradshaw, Julie Williams, Nina Oldfield (Family Budget Unit), Sue Middleton, Karen Kellard, Noel Smith and Yvette Harfree (Loughborough University)

Current debates about reducing or ending poverty in Britain suffer from the absence of a socially agreed, empirically based, minimum income standard. This research brings together the expertise of the Family Budget Unit (FBU) and SPRU, with the Centre for Research in Social Policy (CRSP) in order to develop such a standard, which will answer the question 'What level of income is needed to allow an acceptable standard of living in Britain?'

The aim of the proposed research is to develop a minimum income

standard blending the best elements of the two main methodologies that have been used to develop budget standards in Britain in recent years. Such a standard will specify an income sufficient to reach a basic standard of living: a standard that social policy should aspire to for everyone. The standard will be rooted in social consensus about the goods and services that everyone in modern Britain should be able to afford, while at the same time drawing on expert knowledge about basic living requirements and actual expenditure patterns.

The proposed research will establish a minimum income standard for each type of family and findings will have direct policy relevance by contributing to debates and discussions about how to combat poverty in Britain.

The main output will be a short accessible report and summary of findings and a website containing downloadable working papers explaining the methodology, spread sheets and the grossing model, allowing users to adapt variable costs items.

Evaluation of the Incapacity Benefit ('Pathways to Work') Pilot

On-going project

Department for Work and Pensions

September 2003 to March 2007

Roy Sainsbury, Anne Corden, Katharine Nice (in collaboration with the Policy Studies Institute, the National Centre for Social Research, the Institute for Fiscal Studies, and Mathematica Policy Research Inc. (USA)).

The Incapacity Benefit Pilot (also known as the 'Pathways to Work' Pilot) commenced in October 2003 and now cover 21 areas of the country. The aim of the pilot is to extend help to new incapacity benefit claimants from Jobcentre Plus offices in order to encourage and facilitate a return to employment. Innovations include the introduction of personal advisers to work with all new Incapacity Benefit claimants, a series of up to six work-focused interviews, access to health condition management, and financial help through the *Return to Work Credit* (RTWC). The pilot was extended in 2005 to people in receipt of incapacity benefits for between one and three years.

The wider evaluation of the pilot comprises surveys, analysis of administrative data, a cost-benefit analysis and a qualitative process evaluation element (to which SPRU is contributing). Evaluation work began in 2004 and details of earlier elements can be found on the SPRU website. In 2006 work, led from SPRU, was completed on a longitudinal qualitative study of incapacity benefit recipients' experiences, and on a self-contained study of the RTWC.

Work began in the autumn on a dedicated study into the use and experience of the *Job Preparation Premium*, a financial incentive of £20 a week to long-term recipients of Incapacity Benefit to undertake job-related activity. This will be completed and reported in 2007.

In late 2006 the DWP announced the national roll-out of the Pathways to Work programme, to commence in 2007.

Publications

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Corden, A., Nice, K. and Sainsbury, R. (2005) *Incapacity Benefit Reforms Pilot: Findings from a longitudinal panel of clients*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report, vol. 259, Corporate Document Services, Leeds.

Routes onto incapacity benefit

On-going project

Department for Work and Pensions

October 2004 to December 2007

Roy Sainsbury, Jacqueline Davidson, Peter Kemp (University of Oxford)

Little is known about the routes by which people become recipients of an incapacity benefit. Administrative data show that many claimants are unemployed before claiming incapacity benefit rather than in paid work. This study aims to explore the circumstances of claimants in the period leading up to claiming, whether their employment and benefit histories influence the decision to claim, and the roles played by key actors such as health professionals, Jobcentre Plus staff, other advisers, and family and friends. It is hoped that greater understanding of the factors leading to a claim will inform developments in disability and Welfare to Work policies.

The project is in two parts. An initial qualitative phase was carried out in 2005–06 with 60 recent claimants of incapacity benefits from areas of high, average and low rates of incapacity benefit claims. These claimants were interviewed twice at around an interval of six months to investigate people's exits from incapacity benefit in relation to their routes onto the benefit. Findings were published in 2006.

The second stage of research is a large-scale survey of nearly 2000 new recipients of Incapacity Benefit. A pilot phase was completed in August 2006. Main stage fieldwork is taking place in the winter of 2006–07.

Publication

Sainsbury, R. and Davidson, J. (2006) *Routes onto Incapacity Benefits: Findings from qualitative research*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 350, Corporate Document Services, Leeds.

Related publication

Davidson, J. (2006) From work to incapacity benefits: ill health, skills, stress and insecurity, *Benefits*, 14, 3, 191–98.

Housing benefit payment methods: claimant perspectives

On-going project

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

September 2005 to April 2007

Peter Kemp (University of Oxford),

Annie Irvine, Katharine Nice

As part of its Welfare Reform agenda, the Government plans to implement changes to the way housing benefit (HB) is paid. Under the new Local Housing Allowance, which is set to roll out across the deregulated private rented sector from 2008, housing benefit will normally be paid to claimants rather than landlords. Claimants will then be responsible for paying their rent in full. There are longer-term intentions to introduce this system within the social rented sector, constituting a major change for many council and housing association tenants.

This qualitative study aims to examine housing benefit recipients' understanding, experiences and views of different payment

methods (payment to the tenant versus payment to the landlord). Preferences regarding HB payment methods have been set in the wider context of household money management practices, beliefs and behaviours around debt, and attitudes towards paying rent.

Semi-structured interviews have been carried out across three local authority areas. Views were gathered from a total of 82 housing benefit claimants, across both the private and social rented sectors. A range of households have been consulted, including pensioners, couples with children, lone parents and young people aged under 25.

A final report and research summary are due for publication in Spring 2007.

Evaluation of the Job Retention and Rehabilitation Pilot

Completed project

Department for Work and Pensions

April 2003 to April 2006

Roy Sainsbury, Anne Corden,

Patricia Thornton, Katharine Nice

(in collaboration with the National Centre for Social Research)

The Job Retention and Rehabilitation Pilot (JRRP) commenced in April 2003 and operated for two years until March 2005. The aim was to test methods to help people who have been out of work because of sickness or disability for between six and 26 weeks to return to employment. The pilot used random assignment techniques to measure the impact

of different 'interventions'. Voluntary participants were allocated to one of three treatment groups (to receive health interventions, workplace interventions or a combination of both) or to a control group. Four organisations delivered the JRRP in six locations in Great Britain. SPRU contributed to the qualitative elements of the overall evaluation.

Amongst the qualitative research completed were: a longitudinal study of clients' experiences over six months; a one-off study of people in the control group; a study of JRRP providers' delivery of the pilot; and a study of providers' perspectives on effective practice. Further work included separate studies of the roles of GPs and employers in relation to sickness management and working with the pilot.

In general, the research findings supported recommendations for enhancing occupational health advice and support within the NHS and among employers, for increasing employers' engagement with vocational rehabilitation, and for encouraging health professionals' management of returns to work. The research highlighted the social and financial value of returning to work, given people's experiences of sickness absence.

Publication

Farrell, C., Nice, K., Lewis, J. and Sainsbury, R. (2006) *Experiences of the Job Retention and Rehabilitation Pilot*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 339, Corporate Document Services, Leeds.

Area variations in the take-up of means-tested benefits/tax credits

Completed Project

Neighbourhood Renewal Unit (NRU),
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
November 2005 to December 2006
Jonathan Bradshaw and Dominic
Richardson

The Income Domain in the Index of Deprivation 2004 uses administrative data on benefit receipt. However, it does not take account of variations in take-up. There is some evidence that benefits such as Pension Credit and tax benefits such as Child Tax Credits might vary with the characteristics of the population of an area or the type of area. If take-up does vary in these ways then ideally an index of deprivation should adjust for it. Otherwise an area with low take-up will be losing out doubly, in unclaimed means-tested benefits and in the allocation of central resources to local areas using the Index of Deprivation.

The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit funded research on this problem prior to development of the next Index of Deprivation. The research is based on secondary analysis of the Family Resources Surveys 2003/4 and 2004/5.

The aims of the project were to:

- ▶ identify the characteristics of eligible non-claimants of Pension Credit, Income Support and Tax Credits
- ▶ build predictive models of propensity to claim
- ▶ investigate whether this leads to significant spatial variations in claiming and/or

- ▶ whether there are significant spatial variations in claiming independently of the characteristics of the population.

The project will make recommendations to the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit on whether spatial variation in take-up can and should be taken into account in the Index of Deprivation or whether it can be ignored.

A draft report has been submitted to the NRU.

Child support international comparisons

Completed project

Department for Work and Pensions
June 2006 to December 2006
Jonathan Bradshaw, Jacqueline
Davidson, Dan Meyer (University
of Wisconsin), Christine Skinner
and Jun Rong Chen

The new UK child support system has experienced difficulty meeting its targets since its inception in 2003. The system was reviewed by Sir David Henshaw in 2006 and the Government published a White Paper in December 2006. Evidence from the project described here has fed into the redesign of the child support system, following the Henshaw review.

The main objectives of the study were to:

- ▶ provide an overview of the organisation of child support systems in thirteen countries
- ▶ compare these systems with the UK
- ▶ provide information on the

development of child support policy, including any changes currently under consideration.

National informants were recruited in each of the 13 countries to complete a structured questionnaire about the way their country's child support regimes are run, how effective they are and any changes that are planned in the future.

There was a small element of secondary data analysis of the Luxembourg Income Study to derive lone parent rates, their employment rates, and rates of receipt of child support, and to explore the amounts of child support paid and the impact on child poverty on a comparable basis.

The national questionnaires will be available to download once the main report is published by the Department for Work and Pensions in February 2007.

Related publication

Bradshaw, J. (2006) 'Child support and child poverty', in *Benefits: The Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*, 14, 3, 199-208.

COST Action 19: children's welfare in ageing Europe

Completed Project

European Union

September 2001 to June 2006

Jonathan Bradshaw, Bryony Beresford,
Emese Mayhew, Tess Ridge and
Emma Uprichard (University of Bath)

COST Action 19 is a comparative project involving 13 countries that seeks to understand children's welfare in ageing societies. The project explores the interplay of material, social and institutional forces through emphasising theoretical and methodological approaches to children's welfare. Three areas of welfare are highlighted:

- ▶ children's economic and social welfare
- ▶ children's access to space and use of time
- ▶ children's rights and discourses.

The research team has produced a report for the UK covering these topics, which was published in January 2005.

June 2006 saw the concluding conference of the COST Action 19 programme, in which researchers in the field came together to discuss the outcome of the programme in the context of other relevant research.

Publication

Bradshaw, J. (2007) *Child Benefit Packages in 22 Countries* in H. Wintersberger, L. Alanen, T. Olk, and J. Qvortrup (eds) *Childhood, Generational Order and the Welfare State: Exploring Children's Social and Economic Welfare*, University

Press of Southern Denmark, Odense.

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Child poverty in large families

Completed Project

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

October 2004 to September 2006

Jonathan Bradshaw, Emese Mayhew,
Naomi Finch, Christine Skinner,
Veli-Matti Ritakallio

In 2003, 32 per cent of dependent children in Great Britain lived in a large family (defined as a family containing three or more children). At the same time, children from large families represent 43 per cent of all poor children and have a poverty risk more than twice that of children in small families. The objective of this project was to bring together evidence from a variety of sources, using secondary analysis and review to bring the issue of child poverty in large families onto the policy agenda.

This was done by:

- ▶ establishing the current extent of child poverty within large families in the UK
- ▶ comparing how different countries treat families of different sizes in their tax benefit packages
- ▶ examining how this relates to the relative child poverty rates of large and small families in different countries.

Publication

Bradshaw, J., Finch, N., Mayhew, E., Ritakallio, V-M. and Skinner, C. (2006) *Child Poverty in Large Families*, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, York.

Which pensioners do not spend their incomes and why?

Completed project

Department for Work and Pensions

March 2005 to January 2006

Naomi Finch, Peter Kemp (University of Oxford), Julie Williams

Research by the Pensions Commission found that older pensioners, on average, spend substantially less of their income than younger pensioners. Meanwhile other research has shown that pensioners are more likely to be 'expenditure poor' than 'income poor' when compared with the general population. This has significant implications for the Government's strategy for tackling pensioner poverty.

The aim of this project was to examine which pensioner households do not spend their income and why that might be. The research involved secondary

analysis of existing datasets, principally the Expenditure and Food Survey and its predecessor the Family Expenditure Survey. In addition, analysis was undertaken with the British Household Panel Survey and the English Longitudinal Survey of Ageing.

Publication

Finch, N. and Kemp, P. A. (2006) *Which Pensioners Don't Spend their Income and Why?* Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 334, Corporate Document Services, Leeds.

Self-employment and retirement

Completed project

Department for Work and Pensions

October 2005 to May 2006

Roy Sainsbury, Anne Corden,

Naomi Finch

The UK's ageing population and its implications for future pension provision is recognised as a key area of social policy concern. Self-employed people are unique in two respects: first, because they are not entitled to the second state pension (it is largely left to the individual to plan financially and save for retirement); and secondly, because they are more likely to work beyond state pension age. However, we do not have a clear understanding of the decision-making processes by self-employed people when planning for retirement, or the factors that influence their decisions. Nor do we have sufficient understanding of how self-employment can play a part in extending people's working lives.

To explore these issues further, the Department for Work and Pensions commissioned this qualitative research project with self-employed people. Qualitative interviews were carried out in late 2005/early 2006 in outer London and North Yorkshire. In-depth interviews were undertaken with 40 people aged 40 and over who were currently self-employed, including some who were working beyond state retirement age. The objectives of the research were to:

- ▶ explore, among self-employed people, feelings about and expectations of financial security at the end of working life
- ▶ explore the perceived role of pensions, savings and earned income at the end of working life
- ▶ understand more about the behaviour of self-employed people in relation to financial planning towards retirement and/or extending working life.

The research will inform development of Government policies on saving for retirement and the promotion of flexible retirement and extending working life.

Publication

Sainsbury, R., Finch, N. and Corden, A. (2006) *Self-employment and Retirement*, Department for Work and Pensions Research Report 395, Corporate Document Services, Leeds.

The Children and Families Team is led by Professor Tricia Sloper. The main focus of the team's work is on support relating to illness and disability in children and younger adults. Research encompasses support from the many different agencies involved with chronically ill or disabled people: social services, health services, education and housing. We are particularly interested in how such support takes account of the family context, and the ways that carers and others in the family respond to and are affected by the care needs of the ill or disabled person. The issue of multi-agency working is central to this. Our past research has shown that lack of co-ordination of services is a recurring problem for families. Recently, we have investigated the factors within multi-agency services that lead to better outcomes for disabled children and their families.

In the past, work on the needs of disabled or chronically ill children and their families has largely concentrated on the accounts of adults, particularly parents. Yet, research has also shown that children's and adults' views differ, and adults cannot be used as proxies for children's views. Recognising this gap in knowledge, much of our research has focused on the views of children about their needs and experiences and the support they receive from services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2006–10

Understanding the dynamics of decision-making and choice about social care and related services

Completed project

Department of Health Research

Programme 2006–2010

January 2006 to June 2006

Tricia Sloper and Bryony Beresford

This scoping review interrogated relevant psychological literature on choice, to assess its relevance to disabled and chronically ill young people, adults and older people and to the choices they may make about social care and related support services. The review addressed the following questions:

- ▶ What are the processes by which people make choices and decisions; what constraints shape these processes?
- ▶ What are the personal and environmental preconditions for exercising choice and how do these conditions affect choice?
- ▶ How far are these insights relevant to choices about social care and related support services on the part of people with impairments and/or long-standing illnesses and their carers?

This work will feed into the issues surrounding choice within the main Department of Health Research Programme discussed in greater length in the Adults, Older People and Carers section (p.8).

OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research reviews on prevalence, detection and interventions in parental mental health and child welfare

On-going project

Social Care Institute for Excellence

October 2006 to July 2007

Bryony Beresford, Gillian Parker,

Sue Clarke, Kate Light (Centre

for Reviews and Dissemination)

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has commissioned two systematic reviews in the area of parental mental health and child welfare.

- ▶ The first will review evidence on the prevalence of mental health problems among parents and their detection in health, social care and children's services.
- ▶ The second review is on the accessibility, acceptability and effectiveness of interventions to support parents with mental health problems and their children.

Parents are defined as mothers, fathers, adoptive parents, legal guardians, foster parents, and all adults with a primary caring responsibility for a dependent child, whether resident or non-resident.

The reviews are part of a larger SCIE project, the aim of which is to publish practice guidelines on how mental health services (both for adults and for adolescents and children) and local authority children and family services can plan, deliver and evaluate their services to support parents with mental health problems and their children. The larger guidelines project is being carried out in

partnership with the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, the National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health, and SCIE's Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare Network.

Anticipated outputs are two systematic reviews and academic publications based on them. There will also be shorter summary reports, written in non-technical language, to be used by SCIE for dissemination.

Literature review and staff consultation on stress and coping in staff working in paediatric oncology

On-going project

Funded by CLIC Sargent

December 2006 to July 2007

Bryony Beresford, Tricia Sloper,

Suzanne Mukherjee, and Ruth Dowling

Compared to other groups of staff working in the health service, staff working in oncology settings have been identified as being particularly vulnerable to stress, psychological difficulties, emotional exhaustion and burnout. CLIC Sargent (the UK's leading children's cancer charity) has identified staff support as a priority area and wants to develop models of staff support which are evidence-based. However, compared to adult oncology, there is little formal evidence about stress, coping and support among staff working in paediatric oncology.

This project is a partnership between researchers in SPRU and CLIC Sargent and will:

- ▶ establish what is known about stress and coping in staff working in paediatric oncology settings, and compare this to evidence on stress and coping in adult oncology settings
- ▶ identify gaps in the research evidence
- ▶ consult staff about issues for future research
- ▶ identify methods that could be used to research this topic.

The project will involve conducting a scoping review, consultation with doctors, social work and nursing staff who work in paediatric oncology, and working with CLIC Sargent staff and representatives from the professional groups to develop a proposal for an empirical study of staff stress and support in paediatric oncology.

An evaluation of a national specialist mental health service for deaf children

On-going project

Department of Health

December 2005 to September 2007

Bryony Beresford, Veronica Greco,

Sue Clarke, Lesley Jones (Hull York Medical School)

Prior to 2004 the only specialist inpatient and outpatient mental health service for deaf children in England was in London. In 2004 the National Specialist Commissioning Advisory Group (NSCAG) of the Department of Health set up a three-year pilot project to extend this service and thereby increase access to specialist mental health services by deaf children and young people.

The pilot project involves specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams in York and Dudley linking closely with the London service. An innovative part of this service is to utilise telemental health technology (TMH), with video-conferencing between the three teams being used for therapeutic, case management, supervision and training purposes.

This research is evaluating the pilot project in terms of: changes in the population accessing specialist deaf mental health services; outcomes for service users; experiences of working for the service; and the impact of the service on referring agencies. In addition, it will describe the impact of TMH on the way services are provided and the experiences of using TMH in this setting.

Changes in access to the service will be obtained from data routinely collected by the services. The outcomes and experiences of using the service will be explored using standardised tools and qualitative interviews with the children and their parents at the time of referral and on discharge. Children are given the choice of being interviewed by a Deaf researcher or a hearing researcher. Staff from the specialist teams were interviewed early in the project and will be re-interviewed in order to capture their views of developing and providing the service. Interviews with key referrers are being conducted and a questionnaire will be used to obtain the views of other, less frequent, referrers.

Evaluation of Big Lottery Fund Cardiac Rehabilitation programme

On-going project

Big Lottery Fund (BLF), in conjunction with British Heart Foundation (BHF)

July 2004 to June 2008

Janet Heaton with Professor Bob Lewin and Corinna Petre (Department of Health Sciences)

The Big Lottery Fund has funded the Department of Health Sciences and Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of York to undertake an evaluation of cardiac rehabilitation schemes based in primary health care in England. The schemes were set up through the British Heart Foundation (BHF) with funding from the Big Lottery.

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme has two main aims:

- ▶ to increase the uptake of cardiac rehabilitation services, particularly among groups of people who currently make low use of existing services and
- ▶ to drive sustainable improvements in the quality of services on offer to patients.

As part of its commitment to evaluate this and other programmes it funds, the Big Lottery has commissioned the research to examine to what extent the programme has met its overall aims and how far individual schemes have achieved their goals. This includes examination of how effective services have been at improving access, involving patients, impacting on outcomes, improving quality of life and addressing inequalities.

Various qualitative and quantitative methods will be used as part of the evaluation. These will include: a survey of the schemes, case studies of a selection of schemes (including interviews with staff, patients and carers), and quantitative analysis of audit data kept by the schemes.

Publication

Heaton J., Petre C. and Lewin, B. (2006) *Evaluation of Big Lottery Fund/British Heart Foundation Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme. First Annual Report*, University of York, York.

Evaluating the Integrated Children's System: specific study in relation to children with a disability

Completed Project

Department for Education and Skills and the Welsh Assembly Government

October 2004 to March 2006

Wendy Mitchell and Tricia Sloper

The Integrated Children's System (ICS) is part of a wider Government programme to re-shape local services for children and their families, especially children in need. It aims to redress some of the problems in previous recording systems and connect with other systems currently being implemented. However, there are many questions surrounding how the ICS will work with, and its relevance to, different groups of children. An evaluation of ICS was carried out by SPRU in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, and the Social Work Research and Development

Unit. SPRU's part of the work explored the implementation of the ICS for disabled children and their families.

The aims of the project were to:

- ▶ examine the application of ICS for disabled children and their families, in particular parents', children's and practitioner's views and experiences of information gathering, and of participation within and outcomes of the process
- ▶ compare parents' and disabled children's own understanding of the information they were given and services they expected to receive, with the actual information recorded in the ICS system and the services received.

The study drew upon a purposive sample of disabled children and their families from four pilot sites (two English local authorities and two Welsh local authorities). The sample encompassed a range of ages, impairments and children at different stages of the assessment process. Individual interviews were conducted with 22 parents and seven children. Seventeen social workers working with the disabled children in the sample completed questionnaires and took part in telephone interviews. These explored social workers' views on the application and suitability of ICS for disabled children and their families.

A final report has been submitted to the funders.

Children, young people's and parent's access to and use of Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS)

Completed project

Community Fund and Department of Health, in conjunction with Carnegie Young People Initiative (CYPI)

January 2003 to April 2006

Janet Heaton and Tricia Sloper

This project examined the extent to which NHS Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) have enabled children, young people and parents to access and use this service, which provides information and advice to people of all ages on healthcare issues. The research involved: a national survey of all PALS in acute trusts, primary care trusts and children's hospitals across England; discussion groups and interviews with children, young people and parents, who had experience of using health services, to establish their views on emerging models of PALS; a survey of parents and young people who had used PALS; and telephone interviews with PALS advisers. Young people and parents contributed to the design of the research, and the project as a whole benefited from the advice of a steering group composed of young people, practitioners, policy makers, and researchers interested in the study and its implications. The findings were disseminated at a national conference in May 2006, which was attended by PALS staff and participation workers in health settings.

Publications

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Service (PALS): the views of children, young people, parents and PALS staff, *Child: Care, Health and Development*.

Heaton, J. and Sloper, P. (2006) Access to and use of Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) by children, young people and parents – user and staff perspectives, *Research Works*, 2006–01, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, York.

Heaton, J. and Sloper, P. (2004) National Survey of Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) in England: Children, young people and parents' access to and use of PALS, *Child: Care, Health and Development*, 30, 5, 495–501.

Heaton, J. and Sloper, P. (2003) Access to and use of Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) by children, young people and parents – a national survey, *Research Works*, 2003–04, Social Policy Research Unit, University of York, York.

A qualitative study of the experiences of teenagers and young adults when faced with possible or actual fertility impairment following cancer treatment

Completed project

Candlelighters

June 2003 to September 2006

Marilyn Crawshaw (Dept of Social Work), Tricia Sloper (SPRU), Adam Glaser (St James's University Hospital, Leeds), Juliet Hale (Institute of Child Health, Newcastle), Bernadette Brennan (Royal Manchester Children's Hospital).

Treatment for cancer can lead to fertility impairment. The effects of this on a young person's emotional and sexual health, identity and well-being, and on their relationships, are not known. Neither is it known what effect the experience of coping with potential or actual impairment has on young people as they enter adulthood and are faced with related decisions. These may include whether and when to have their fertility status tested (where appropriate) and, if they are contemplating parenthood at some stage, whether to opt for assisted conception treatment (where appropriate) or adoption or another route. As growing numbers of young people survive treatment for cancer, and as advances in fertility preservation open up new possibilities for future treatments, it is crucial that more information is gathered about the experiences of patients themselves.

The aim of the study was to identify the needs for services

that teenagers and young adults have in relation to this aspect of their cancer experience. This will inform staff involved with these patients and those responsible for planning and commissioning cancer services, fertility impairment services and other services as appropriate.

The study involved:

- interviews with 16 teenagers and 22 adults in their twenties (both males and females) diagnosed in their teens, about the impact of possible or actual fertility impairment following treatment for cancer
- multi-disciplinary focus groups with staff from two paediatric oncology and two assisted conception units to discuss professional experiences and the appropriate knowledge and skills base for this work across age groups.

Publications

Crawshaw, M. and Sloper, P. (2006) *A Qualitative Study of the Experiences of Teenagers and Young Adults when Faced with Possible or Actual Fertility Impairment Following Cancer Treatment*, Department of Social Policy and Social Work, University of York, York.

Widespread and effective dissemination of the results of our research is central to SPRU's purpose. Our work often communicates the needs and desires of hard-to-reach groups in society and as such makes a distinctive contribution to policy and practice. To these ends we write and disseminate research reports, summary findings and good practice guides in accessible formats.

We also engage in academic debate via articles in peer-reviewed journals, chapters in academic books and by presenting our work at relevant conferences. We arrange a series of public seminars on topical subjects with eminent external speakers.

SPRU invests heavily in the training of its staff to help them achieve their full potential. As well as their research work our staff are engaged in many external activities, such as peer-reviewing articles for prominent journals in the field. These activities enhance their role in the social policy community.

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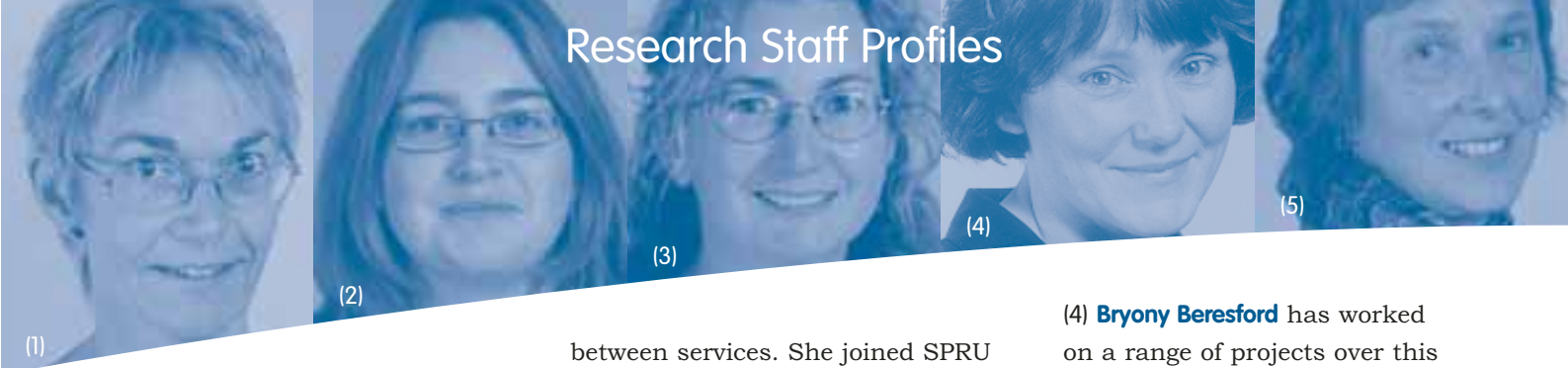
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Research Staff Profiles



(1) **Hilary Arksey** has worked on different projects related to community care over the last 12 months. She has been involved in a literature review on choice and welfare consumerism intended to inform the empirical research undertaken within the Department of Health programme on Choice and Independence across the Lifecourse. Together with colleagues from the Centre for Health and Society at the University of York, Hilary is involved in research that aims to identify the attributes that constitute person-centred respite care for people with dementia and their carers. This is an important study, given the Government's emphasis on the delivery of care that has an individual or 'tailored' approach. Hilary has played a key role in disseminating research findings from studies she has worked on. This has included participating in conferences and workshops in England, as well as Paris, Montreal, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Australia. In line with SPRU's policy to bring research findings to a wide range of audiences, delegates have included academic and research colleagues, as well as representatives from national government departments, local statutory services and relevant voluntary organisations.

(2) **Fiona Aspinall** is primarily a qualitative researcher and her research interests include: public and user participation in service and policy development; palliative care; barriers and facilitators to policy implementation and service development; and user transitions

between services. She joined SPRU in November 2006 and is currently working on a project about integrated services for people with long-term neurological conditions, which draws together her research interests. Fiona was previously based at King's College London, where she worked on a project developing tools for professionals, service users and carers to evaluate palliative care services.

(3) **Kate Baxter** trained as a health economist and has worked predominantly on evaluations of primary care-related health policy. Kate has both qualitative and quantitative skills but concentrates on qualitative research. Since moving to SPRU in September 2005 she has been working on projects within the DH-funded programme on choice and independence across the lifecourse. Kate has completed a scoping review of government projects on the accessibility of information about adult social care services. The gaps in activity highlighted by this review are intended to help focus the nature of future government research and interventions, for example, towards service users who need particular forms of help in accessing information. Kate is one of a team of seven working on the Choice and Change longitudinal panel study which will use her qualitative skills and will enable her to continue investigating issues around the theme of the accessibility of information and choice. Kate is also starting a project exploring the perceptions by domiciliary care providers of the opportunities and barriers they face as a result of the changing home care market place.

(4) **Bryony Beresford** has worked on a range of projects over this year. She prepared a final project report on the research on defining outcomes for disabled children and their families and completed various associated dissemination activities. This project has fed directly into current work by government departments on ensuring *Every Child Matters* outcomes are relevant and pertinent to disabled children. She has also been part of the team evaluating specialist mental health services for disabled children; findings from the research will be used by service commissioners to inform the development of the service. In addition, she has worked on a literature review on childhood bullying, looking at prevalence, impact and interventions, for the Office of the Child's Commissioner. She was also commissioned by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to write a review on policy with regard to meeting the housing needs of disabled children.

(5) **Sylvia Bernard** joined SPRU's Adults, Older People and Carers team in November 2006, having worked for many years in research in the fields of epidemiology, care of older people, adult disability and social care workforce issues. She is primarily a quantitative researcher, with experience of analysing large-scale national data sets, and designing and analysing smaller quantitative surveys. Her current work is an evaluation of the impact of the national service framework for people with long-term neurological conditions. This will focus on issues surrounding the provision of integrated services and will combine both qualitative and



quantitative research methods. The project reflects her interest in improving the experience of care across health and social care boundaries for service users and their families.

(6) **Jonathan Bradshaw** has been Associate Director of SPRU since 1994 and is a member of the Social Security and Living Standards Team. He is Head of Department of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of York. His research interests include: social security policy; family policy; poverty and living standards; comparative social policy; demography and social policy; and the well-being of children. Jonathan was active in the influential Joseph Rowntree campaign in the spring of 2006, writing reports and attending the major conference with leading policy makers in this area. He co-authored a report, 'An Index of Child Well-being in the European Union', which revealed that British children were among the unhealthiest and unhappiest in the EU nations. Currently his research includes developing a local index of child well-being; developing a minimum income standard for Britain and exploring the problem of Area variations in the take-up of means-tested benefits/tax credits.

(7) **Sue Clarke** has been involved in a number of diverse projects in social care and health this year, developing her skills in both quantitative and qualitative research. This has included work on several scoping reviews to identify gaps in the research evidence on specific topic areas. This reflects the upsurge of interest

in evidence-based policy and practice. She is currently starting work with colleagues on a full systematic review in the area of parental mental health and child welfare. Sue continues to organise the Children and Families Team Parent Consultation Group which meets to ensure the team's research covers issues that are important to families with disabled children and is done in a parent-friendly way.

(8) **Anne Corden** has continued to build her interest and expertise in qualitative methodology through further work in the area of policy-related qualitative longitudinal analysis. The qualitative longitudinal panel which formed one component of the overall evaluation of 'Pathways to Work' has been completed and reported. Drawing on this empirical work, she has contributed to academic debate and publication in the rapidly developing area of qualitative longitudinal analysis. Anne has also been successful, with Michael Hirst and Katharine Nice, in securing funding this year for a new project about the financial implications of the death of a life partner. This study builds on Anne's previous work on the financial implications for parents of the death of a child, and takes forward a stream of work in the Unit focusing on economic and financial implications of bereavement, an area in which there has been little previous research in UK.

(9) **Jacqueline Davidson** is an experienced qualitative researcher who has also conducted

quantitative research. She has worked on a number of cross national comparative research projects in the area of social security and labour markets. These include an in-depth case study into means-tested social assistance schemes – specifically considering the nature and role of exceptional need payments within them – in Britain and the Netherlands; labour market inactivity in Germany and the UK; and an EU (FP5) funded project on cross-border labour markets. Over the last year, she has been involved in an international comparison of child support and a number of projects relating to disability which include a scoping study (funded by the Scottish Executive) into the needs of, and services to, younger disabled people in Scotland and a two-stage qualitative/quantitative project about how people come to claim Incapacity Benefit (funded by the DWP) designed to consider the interaction of health, labour market factors and personal biographies in routes onto the benefit.

(10) **Naomi Finch** has skills and experience of both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis, but is mainly a quantitative researcher. She has undertaken research focusing on issues of poverty, living standards, employment and family policy. Naomi's work over the last year has focused on pensioner poverty. This has included quantitative analysis exploring which pensioners do not spend all of their income and why, a question with important implications for the Government's strategy of tackling pensioner



(11) poverty. She has also undertaken a qualitative study with self-employed people about financial planning for retirement and working beyond state pension age. This is an important area of exploration given the ageing population and its implications for future pension provision. She has also been undertaking a literature review on pensioner poverty, focusing upon the impact that work, marital and childbearing life history has upon income and working beyond state pension age. This has particular policy implications for female pensioner poverty, given that they are more likely to experience the negative labour market and financial consequences associated with caring and divorce. In addition to research on pensioner poverty, Naomi has undertaken comparative analysis to explore the extent to which welfare states support the dual earner/dual carer model of the family and the relationship this has with parental labour market patterns. The extent to which labour is divided along gender lines has important implications for child poverty and fertility levels.

(11) **Caroline Glendinning** leads the Adults, Older People and Carers team in SPRU and is also responsible for SPRU's Department of Health-funded research programme. Her research interests include: policies and practice relating to support for older and disabled people and family carers; long-term care (including comparative studies of other countries); and partnerships and service integration. During 2006 her priorities have focused on:

completing outstanding work from the previous DH-funded Outcomes programme; building the new DH-funded programme on Choice and Independence across the Lifecourse; and contributing to the national evaluation of the Individual Budgets pilot projects (IBSEN). Highlights during 2006 include the presentation of a paper on welfare consumerism to an international audience at the International Sociological Association Congress in Durban; and, with Professor Peter Kemp, co-editing a book entitled *Cash and Care: policy challenges in the welfare state*, that arose from a conference held in York in April 2005. The book was published by Policy Press in September and launched at a well-attended policy seminar in London.

(12) **Veronica Greco's** current research comprises the evaluation of a national specialist mental health service for deaf children and young people. A main feature of this service is the use of videoconferencing, which is used both in direct clinical work and in the training and supervision of professionals who are providing the service. This research project uses both qualitative and quantitative methods and gathers an extensive amount of data from deaf children and young people who are users of the service, their parents and guardians, and the professionals who provide the service. The research comes at a time when attention is being focused on ensuring that the mental health needs of all children and young people are better met. Recent policy initiatives, such as the National Service Framework for Children,

Young People and Maternity Services stipulates that all children should have equal access to timely, integrated, high quality mental health services, and that services for low-incidence conditions must be co-ordinated on a regional or national basis. The research is important not only in terms of evaluating the specialist service per se, but may also be used to inform the future development of mental health services for other groups of children where specialist national or regional services are necessary.

(13) **Kate Gridley** is new to social policy research and comes to SPRU with a background in health service development and community involvement. She joined the unit in December 2006 to work on a project looking at integrated services for people with long-term neurological conditions. The project draws on her experiences of developing integrated sexual health services for Greater Peterborough Primary Care Partnership, as well as her research interest in the experiences of people with long-term conditions. In her previous role as Public Health Development Specialist for Community Involvement, Kate worked to embed health promotion and support for healthy lifestyles into community development activities with key high risk groups. Prior to this she worked in the voluntary sector building partnerships and developing opportunities for volunteering.

(14) **Janet Heaton** has been involved in several projects this year. These include two studies which have been completed: the 'PALS project', which examined the extent to which



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the NHS Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) has enabled children, young people and parents to access and use this service, and a project which explored developments in outcomes-focused approaches in social care services for older people in England. Currently, she is part of a team (with Health Sciences at the University of York) evaluating the Big Lottery and British Heart Foundation's Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme in England. She is also involved in the Department of Health funded 'Choice and Change' panel study, looking at the meaning of choice in health and social care for young people with progressive medical conditions and their families, where and how they (want to) exercise choice, and the implications for services and policy. These projects reflect Janet's interest in improving the accessibility, fit, quality and outcomes of health and social care provision for service users of all ages and their families.

(15) **Michael Hirst** conducts research evaluating policy, delivery of benefits and services, and outcomes as they affect disabled people and carers. He has considerable experience of quantitative research methods and the analysis of complex datasets. In 2006, Michael contributed to a study exploring the involvement of close relatives, friends and others in managing older people's financial assets. He also completed a review and analysis of existing data sets for evidence of gender differences in disabled graduates' occupational trajectories following graduation. Latterly, he began work on a new

project investigating the financial and economic consequences of the death of a partner.

(16) **Annie Irvine** joined the Social Security Team in September 2005, having previously worked for three years in education research. Her work over the last year has focused on claimants' perspectives on housing benefit payment methods, taking in the broader themes of money management, personal responsibility and work preparation. Along with other members of the project team, Annie has made presentations based on the project findings at the annual conferences of the Social Policy Association and the Social Research Association. The housing benefit project coincided with the DWP's evaluation of the Local Housing Allowance pilot. Its findings have been able to contribute to deeper understanding of the potential impacts and implications of the Government's proposed scheme, which will be rolled out nationally in 2008. Annie's work within SPRU has recently diversified to include a project looking at benefit claimants' experiences of changes in circumstances and the impact of overpayment recovery. She will also join colleagues working on one strand of SPRU's wide-ranging programme of research on pathways to work, a focused study on the Job Preparation Premium. In 2007, Annie will complete her MSc in social research methods, which she has been undertaking part time with the Open University. Her dissertation considers the concept of home and the housing tenure aspirations of young adults.

(17) **Peter Kemp** has a long-standing interest in the implementation of policy and the outcomes that result from it. Having spent many years studying housing policy, his research is now focused on social security, welfare reform, and welfare to work (especially in relation to hard-to-help groups). He also maintains his long-term research interest in housing benefit. In April 2006 he moved to take up the Barnett Professorship of Social Policy at the University of Oxford. Peter retains his links with SPRU, co-editing the Cash and Care book and continuing to work on a qualitative study of housing benefit recipients and routes onto incapacity benefits. He also completed work on pensioner spending and a literature review on welfare consumerism at SPRU this year.

(18) **Wendy Mitchell** has recently completed a scoping study for the Department of Health reviewing the evidence base surrounding risk perceptions and risk management strategies in adult social care for different groups of service users. This review was commissioned to identify gaps in the evidence base and compliment the Department of Health's recently published risk guidance. Wendy is currently working on another DH funded project exploring how different groups of disabled and/or chronically ill people make choices about their care and support. Here, she is working with the disabled and/or chronically ill young people participating in the study. Wendy's work this year has included an evaluation of the pilot programme implementing the Integrated

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children's System (ICS) for the Department for Education and Skills and the Welsh Assembly Government and a study for CLIC Sargent examining the psychosocial care and support needs of children with cancer and their families. The results of the latter research were drawn upon by NICE to inform recent guidance and the development of standards for children's cancer.

(19) **Nicola Moran** is a qualitative researcher currently working on the evaluation of Individual Budgets. To date, Nicola has led a small-scale study looking at the experiences of early Individual Budget holders in four of the pilot sites. She has also conducted a qualitative analysis of the implementation of Individual Budgets in the 13 pilot sites. Nicola has given presentations on both of these studies and produced two reports for the Department of Health. These are important areas of study given that the aims of the Individual Budgets pilot include gaining an understanding of how different models of implementation impact upon different service user groups, local authorities and the voluntary sector. Prior to joining SPRU in September 2006, Nicola worked as a Regional Support Officer on the National Evaluation of Sure Start advising Local Programmes on outcomes-focused research methods. She also worked on the European Public Health Ethics Network (EuroPHEN) project, funded by the European Commission, researching UK public health policies, conducting international comparative analyses

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on a range of public health policies, and analysing public attitudes toward population approaches to improving health. Nicola has produced a number of publications from this research.

(20) **Katharine Nice** spent 2006 working on a wide range of research projects. She has continued to conduct qualitative research for the evaluation of the Pathways to Work Pilot, providing insights into incapacity benefit recipients' experiences of work-focused interviews at Jobcentre Plus, and the impacts of the financial, employment and health support on offer. This work has helped to inform the extension and expansion of the Pilot and the reform of Incapacity Benefit. The Pilot's evaluation also provided the opportunity to accumulate skills and experience in conducting qualitative longitudinal research and to engage with other researchers at the forefront of this development in qualitative methodology. Katharine has recently developed interests in the reform of Housing Benefit having researched claimants' perspectives of benefit payment methods. This work, for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, presents otherwise unheard views from social housing tenants on the proposal to pay Housing Benefit directly to tenants. She is also part of the team exploring the financial impacts of bereavement and is looking forward to the interviewing challenges ahead.

(21) **Gillian Parker** has been a researcher for over thirty years and her career has spanned many topics in social policy. She is best known

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for her research on community care policy. Most recently this has included work on integrated services for people with long-term conditions, models of paediatric home care for children with complex or long-term needs, and on where older people are best cared for during acute and sub-acute illness (intermediate care). Gillian worked at SPRU previously, and was assistant director before going to the University of Leicester in 1993 to set-up her own research unit. Following that, she worked at the Department of Health as Director of the Policy Research Programme and also maintained her role as Programme Director for the NHS R&D Programme on Service Delivery and Organisation. She returned to academic life in 2004 and subsequently moved to York to be director of the Social Work Research and Development Unit (SWRDU) and now to be the new director of SPRU. Gillian's current projects are on investigating what helps or hinders integrated services for people with long-term neurological conditions; and a systematic review of evidence on how best to support parents with mental health problems. With colleagues at the University of Nottingham she recently completed a study of what happens to disabled young people as they leave university and seek paid employment.

(22) **Parvaneh Rabiee's** research interests include: the needs of disabled people and their families, challenges for service providers in responding to those needs and developing methodologies for research with disabled people,



including those with communication impairments. Parvaneh has been working on a number of projects during this year. These include a DH-funded research and development project exploring the outcomes disabled children and young people and their families aspire to achieve through provision of support services, and how these relate to the Government's *Every Child Matters* outcomes. As well as an opportunity to use her qualitative research skills in developing techniques for involving people with communication impairments in research, this project developed Parvaneh's experience of the practical issues relating to the implementation of research findings in practice. Parvaneh is currently working on the DH-funded longitudinal qualitative study of choice and change across the life course among adults with fluctuating and sudden onset conditions. Towards the end of the year, Parvaneh undertook a piece of research on the IBSEN project looking at the views, experiences and outcomes of early Individual Budget holders. The findings from both these studies will contribute to current policy and debate about increased choice in welfare services. Since October, Parvaneh has been responsible for organising the user Consultation Group Meetings within the Adults, Older People and Carers Team.

(23) **Dominic Richardson** has skills and experience of quantitative analysis of large data sets, including analysis of comparative survey data. He is undertaking research focusing on issues of

comparative child well-being, educational achievement and benefits take-up. Dominic's research on take-up (funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit) has involved modelling and analysis of a range of means-tested benefits to understand the area variations in entitled non-receipt. He is exploring the variation in take-up of these benefits through secondary analysis of the Family Resources Survey.

(24) **Roy Sainsbury's** research interests include: social security and the labour market, sickness and disability benefits, retirement pensions, and the administration and delivery of benefits, in particular the appeals system and social security fraud. This year Roy has worked on a number of projects connected with the Government's welfare-to-work policies for people on incapacity benefit. His work looks at how people find themselves on incapacity benefits; the effectiveness of pilot programmes to help incapacity benefit recipients get back to work; and how self-employed people make decisions about pensions and the age at which they retire. New work in 2007 will focus on the labour market behaviour of people with mental health conditions. A separate strand of work explores the theoretical and practical issues around using verbatim quotations from research participants in reporting social research.

(25) **Tricia Sloper's** research interests include: the needs of children and young people with chronic illness or disability and their families;

stress and coping in children, young people and families affected by illness or disability; developing methods for research with children; and the implementation of research findings in practice. Tricia's background is in psychology. She leads the Children and Families Team whose research provides valuable evidence to inform government policies such as the implementation of *Every Child Matters* and the *National Service Framework* for children, and the current Treasury spending review stream relating to services for disabled children. Current work includes studies of: the outcomes disabled children and their parents aspire to achieve through provision of support services and how these relate to the Government's *Every Child Matters* outcomes; disabled children's participation in decisions that affect services they receive; children and young people's use of Patient Advice and Liaison Services; evaluation of the implementation of the Integrated Children's System; and a literature review on theories of choice and decision-making and their applications to the situations of disabled young people and adults and the choices they and their families make about support services. Tricia is also Academic Co-ordinator for Social Science for the University.

(26) **Mark Wilberforce's** background as a government research manager and economist has given him a broad range of experiences in designing and managing large-scale complex evaluation projects in health, education, employment and welfare policy. Mark joined



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SPRU in June 2006 to extend this experience into the field of social care with his work as research co-ordinator on the Individual Budgets evaluation. This research brings together expertise from five universities to investigate the potential for what is seen as the future of England's social care system. This evaluation is using a Randomised Controlled Trial design – one of the first of its kind in social care – involving 13 local authorities and 1,000 social care service users. Although Mark's practical skills are primarily quantitative, using large national datasets, he is using this project to further develop his qualitative research skills.

CCNUK Staff

(27) **Katy Barton**'s background is in social work with over 25 years experience as a manager and practitioner in both the statutory and voluntary sector. Her interests are in disabled children and their families and her work over the last five years has been a development role to set up an umbrella organisation, Care Co-ordination Network UK, an organisation that promotes key working for disabled children and their families. CCNUK left SPRU in the spring to set up their own premises as a fully fledged independent organisation with workers in each country of the United Kingdom.

(28) **Caz Byrne** is the project administrator for CCNUK and is responsible for the finances, database, website and other administrative work to support the network.

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Visiting Scholars

This year SPRU was delighted to welcome three visiting scholars from very different backgrounds:

(29) **Dan Meyer**, is a Professor of Social Work and an Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, who joined us for six months at the beginning of the year. Dan's research focuses on policies that affect single-parent families, primarily considering child support and welfare. Whilst at SPRU, he joined the Social Security and Living Standards Team to learn about UK efforts to reduce child poverty and to conduct US-UK comparative research on a variety of family policy topics. He recently completed work on the SPRU project looking at child support international comparisons.

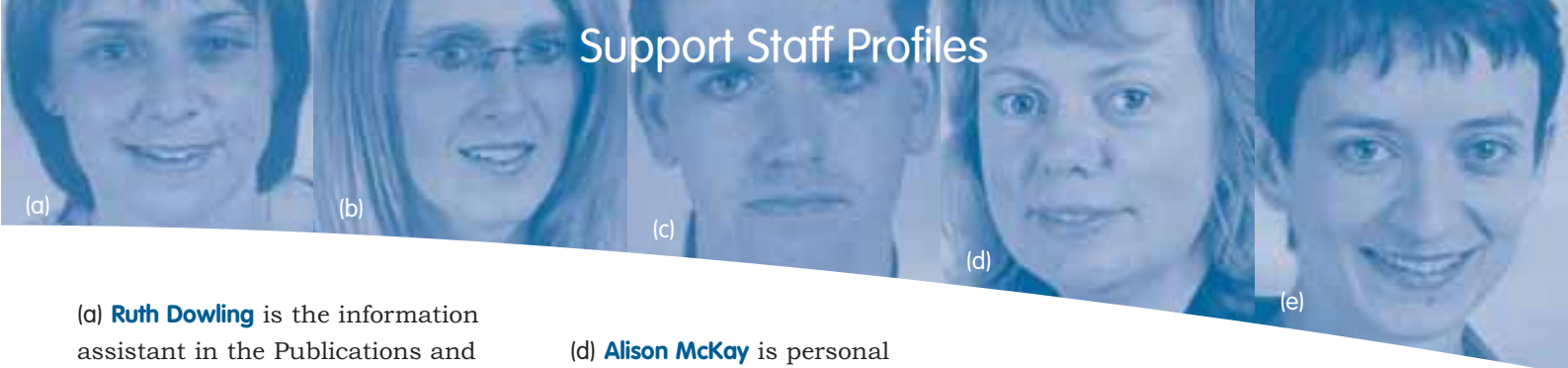
(30) **Henna Isoniemi** also visited for six months at the start of the year and used her time to write an article comparing the economic situation of the young adults in four EU-countries (Finland, United Kingdom, France and Italy) in their transition to adulthood. This will contribute to her PhD thesis. Henna studies and lectures at the University of Turku in Finland and is the sub-editor of *Janus*, the Finnish Journal of Social Policy and Social Work. Her social policy research interests are mainly the well-being of young adults and comparative social policy.

(31) **Valeriu Frunzaru** joined us in the autumn for three months. He is a lecturer at the State University

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of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest, with a PhD in sociology. His research at SPRU was into the impact of the current EU employment policies on pensioners of the future. He looked at this in comparison to the current pension situation in Romania, the trends for the future and at the implications of Romania's new membership of the EU.

Support Staff Profiles



(a) **Ruth Dowling** is the information assistant in the Publications and Information Office. She deals with publications, journals and the distribution of Research Works.

(b) **Teresa Frank** is personal assistant to Patricia Sloper and provides secretarial and administrative support to the Children and Families Team and is project secretary for the Panel study.

(c) **Simon Johnson** is the Unit's Finance Officer. He is responsible for the administration of the Unit's general finances and research grants.

(d) **Alison McKay** is personal assistant to Gillian Parker and Caroline Glendinning, and provides secretarial and administrative support to the main office. She is responsible for the administration of the Senior Management Group and Adult's Team meetings, and organises departmental research workshops which take place during term time.

(e) **Rachel Pitman** is the Information Officer at SPRU. Her role includes maintaining the website, publicising the Unit's work and supporting information retrieval in the Unit. She also works in the Alcuin Research Resource Centre Library and Archive Service.



(f) **Sally Pulleyn** is personal assistant to Roy Sainsbury and provides secretarial and administrative support to the Social Security and Living Standards Team and the Community Care for Adults Team. Sally is Senior Secretary and is responsible for the overall management of the secretarial staff.

(g) **Lisa Southwood** works part-time at SPRU providing secretarial and administrative support to the IBSEN team within SPRU and to the Main Office.

(h) **Jeanette Whalley** is the Unit Administrator and is responsible for the Unit's finance and personnel issues.

(i) **Julie Williams** provides statistical assistance with general survey and data analysis, including secondary analysis of large data sets such as the Expenditure and Food Survey. She is involved in the design and development of databases used within SPRU and in supporting computer users.

SPRU actively develops the skills and expertise of its staff as part of a broader commitment to nurturing and sustaining research capacity in social policy and social care, and has a ring-fenced budget specifically for staff training. All staff in the Unit, from support staff to professors, can apply for funding. Training needs are an important element of Probation and annual Performance Review discussions and are often discussed at the start of new projects as well. Courses attended over the past year have included statistical and methodological techniques, survey design and interviewing.

The training budget is also used to fund attendance at specialist conferences and workshops on specific research topics, without the requirement to present a paper. Such activities can be very useful in helping researchers 'get up to speed' with important issues at the start of a new project, or in establishing contact with wider research networks. In addition, we also provide in-house training where appropriate; for example, during 2006 a number of staff were engaged in literature and scoping reviews so a training session on identifying and retrieving articles from electronic bibliographic databases was organised by SPRU's Information Officer in collaboration with the University library. SPRU was also fortunate to have access to some HEFCE 'Roberts' money to develop post-doctoral research careers. Together with the Centre for

Housing Policy and the Social Work Research and Development Unit, we organised a session for junior research staff on 'Getting published in Social Policy' with the editors of three leading social policy journals.

Attending and contributing to conferences – both in the UK and overseas – is important both for disseminating research and helping to build the career profiles of individual members of staff. Research staff are actively encouraged to present papers at academic conferences and attendance can be funded from the training budget where necessary.

During 2006, we have been pleased to award post-graduate studentships to two students who will start their PhD research in SPRU in 2007. Julie Bruce will join the Children and Families Team in January to conduct research on the participation of parents with disabled children in service development. Julie has an ESRC CASE award and is supervised by Tricia Sloper. SPRU has also been able to award its own post-graduate studentship, named to commemorate Professor Sally Baldwin. This has been awarded to Alison Allam, who will join the Adults, Older People and Carers Team in autumn 2007. She will be jointly supervised by Caroline Glendinning and Hilary Arksey.

Tuesday 7 February

**'National Evaluation of
Children's Trust Pathfinders:
Emerging Research Findings',**
Professor Margaret O'Brien,

Co-Director of the Centre for
Research on the Child and Family,
University of East Anglia

Tuesday 11 July

**'Winners and Losers:
Assessing the Distributional Effects
of Reforms to UK Long-term Care
Funding Regimes',**

Professor Ruth Hancock,
Department of Health and Human
Sciences, University of Essex

Tuesday 4 April

**'Some Perceptions and Experiences
of Direct Payments Recipients
and Personal Assistants',**
Dr Margaret Flynn,

Mental Health and Learning
Disability, School of Nursing and
Midwifery, University of Sheffield

Tuesday 5 September

**'Free Personal Care for Older People:
Some Qualitative Issues',**

Professor Alison Bowes,
Department of Applied Social
Science, University of Stirling

Tuesday 9 May

**'Centres for Excellence?
The Role of Children's Centres
and Extended Schools in Meeting
the Needs of Disabled Children',**
Helen Wheatley,

Senior Development Officer,
Council for Disabled Children,
London

Tuesday 3 October

**'Making markets in employment
services: lessons from overseas',**
Professor Dan Finn,

Faculty of Humanities and Social
Sciences, University of Portsmouth

Tuesday 6 June

**'Direct Payments for Disabled People:
The Way Forward or a Policy Cul-de-
Sac?',**
Professor Sheila Riddell,

Director of the Centre for Research
in Education Inclusion and
Diversity, University of Edinburgh

Tuesday 7 November

**'Childhood Bereavement Services:
An Overview of UK Service Provision',**
Liz Rolls,

School of Health
and Social Sciences,
University of Gloucestershire

Hilary Arksey

Journal of Social Policy

Jonathan Bradshaw

International Social Security Review

Naomi Finch

Social Policy and Society

Caroline Glendinning

Social Policy and Society

Social Policy and Administration

The Policy Press

Gillian Parker

Associate Editor, *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*

Health and Social Care in the Community

Parvaneh Rabiee

Disability & Society

Roy Sainsbury

Benefits: the journal of poverty and social justice

Journal of Social Security Law

Patricia Sloper

Child: Care, Health and Development

Guest editor

Anne Corden

with Jane Millar (University of Bath)

Guest editor for a special themed issue of *Social Policy and Society*

American Journal of Kidney Diseases

Benefits: the journal of poverty and social justice

British Journal of Social Work

Child Abuse Review

Child: Care, Health and Development

Child and Family Social Work

Children and Society

Disability & Society

European Societies

Health and Social Care in the Community

International Journal of Ageing and Later Life

International Journal of Social Security

Journal of Care Services Management

Journal of European Social Policy

Journal of Health Services Research and Policy

Journal of Social Policy

Journal of Social Security Law

Psycho-Oncology

Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice

Social Policy and Administration

Social Policy and Society

Social Science and Medicine

Sociological Research Online

Sociology of Health and Illness

Sociology of Sport Journal

Women & Health

Bryony Beresford

Refereed research proposals for the National Institute of Health Research.

Reviewed research reports for the Department for Education and Skills.

Consultant to Department for Education and Skills on aspects of the Every Child Matters outcomes programme.

Consultant to the Department for Education and Skills and the Treasury with regard to the Government's current comprehensive spending review.

Academic advisor to the Office of the Child's Commissioner (England).

Member of the Working Group for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health's Communication Skills Training Project.

Jonathan Bradshaw

Advisor House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee.

Member of the Ministerial Child Poverty Advisory Group.

Member of the JRF Child Poverty Strategy Technical Group.

UK Expert on the EU Expert Committee on the National Action Plans for Social Inclusion.

Anne Corden

Consultant to a Danish consulting firm in co-operation with the Danish Council of Organisations of Disabled People.

Consultant to Low Income Tax Reform Group.

External activities (continued)

Naomi Finch

Refereed research proposals for the Economic and Social Research Council.

Caroline Glendinning

Honorary Chair, University of Manchester.

Member – Joseph Rowntree Foundation ‘Independent Living’ Single Programme Committee.

Member – ESRC Research Evaluation Committee.

Member of Executive Committee, Eurocarers EU Network promoting policy and research on carers.

External Examiner, Health and Social Care MSc Course, City University.

External Examiner, PhD Oxford Brookes University.

PhD Supervisor, University of Manchester.

Refereed research proposals and reports for:

- ▶ Department of Health National Service Framework for Children, Young People & Maternity Services Research Initiative
- ▶ Economic and Social Research Council
- ▶ Nuffield Foundation
- ▶ Leverhulme Trust
- ▶ Help the Aged
- ▶ Department of Health Modernising Adult Social Care Research Initiative.

Janet Heaton

Rapporteur for ESRC.

Michael Hirst

Member of the Board of Trustees, Carers UK.

Nicola Moran

Member, Council of Management of St Anne’s Community Services.

Gillian Parker

Member, Commissioning Panel for ESRC Public Services Research Programme.

Member, Joseph Rowntree Foundation Advisory Group on Flexible Skill Mix in Care Homes.

Member, Advisory Group for Department of Health funded research on workforce flexibility and the costs and outcomes of older people’s services, University of Sheffield.

External examiner for:

- ▶ De Montfort University PhD
- ▶ University of London PhD.

Refereed research proposals and reports for:

- ▶ The Nuffield Foundation
- ▶ University of Chester Gladstone Fellowship
- ▶ Department of Health
- ▶ National Institute for Health Research.

Roy Sainsbury

Meeting with Margaret Hodge, MP, Minister of State, Department for Work and Pensions to discuss Routes onto Incapacity Benefit project findings and Welfare Reform Green Paper, January, Richmond House, London.

Member of Government ‘Equalities Review’ group of experts.

Patricia Sloper

Member of National Association for Colitis and Crohn’s Disease (NACC) Social, Psychological and Health Services Research Awards Committee.

Member of York NHS Local Research Ethics Committee.

Research Advisor to Care Co-ordination Network UK.

Member of the York Children’s Trust Board (representing University of York).

Member of UKCCSG Psychosocial Working Group.

Member of advisory groups for:

- ▶ National Children’s Bureau Meeting Medical Needs in Education project advisory group
- ▶ DfES project on Sure Start’s work with children and families with special needs.

External examiner for DClinPsych, University of Essex.

Referee for research proposals and reports for ESRC, DfES, DH.

Member of working group for Centre for Applied Human Rights.

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