**JRF HOUSING AND POVERTY EVIDENCE REVIEW**

**Methods used to find and select evidence**

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**Introduction**

This document records the methods used to search for evidence and to select evidence for review for the *Housing and poverty evidence review*, carried out for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation by the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York in 2012/13.

It describes the main formal literature and evidence search, supplementary searches for literature and evidence, and methods used to select material for review from the sources found.

**The main formal literature and evidence search**

The volume of literature and evidence which was potentially relevant to the research questions was enormous. Both housing and poverty are major research areas. The individual sources which the team thought were most likely to be of most relevance to the research questions, however, were varied and would be dispersed amongst different literatures and sources.

The main formal literature and evidence search was devised by Stephen Duffy, a specialist information scientist at the University of York, in conjunction with the review team. The literature search involved searching electronic databases with a focus in social care, social policy, economics and psychology, including academic books, academic peer reviewed journal articles, and grey literature resources.

Databases

The following databases were searched:

1. Social Policy & Practice
2. MEDLINE and MEDLINE In-Process
3. EconLit
4. PsycINFO
5. Social Science Citation Index (SSCI)
6. Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH)
7. Applied Social Science Index and Abstracts (ASSIA)
8. Social Services Abstracts
9. Social Care Online
10. OAIster
11. Zetoc

Search terms

The search terms to be used within these databases were identified through discussion in the research team, through discussions with a small number of housing and poverty experts contacted by phone, though scanning background literature, and by browsing database thesauri.

We searched using the terms ‘housing’ and ‘poverty’. A large number of synonyms and near synonyms for ‘housing’ and ‘poverty’ were used. We also used terms relating to characteristics of housing, for example, names of tenures, and terms like ‘overcrowding’.

A separate search was carried out using explicit methodological terms, such as ‘experiment’, ‘RCT’ etc, in order to try to identify types of research often underrepresented existing reviews linked to housing policy. Only a small number of sources were found.

Limits to search

As the literature for this broad topic is considerably large we included a number of limits in our search strategies to ensure that the search results would be more manageable.

We searched for literature in English.

We searched for literature relating to or including the UK or parts of the UK. It is difficult to successfully limit searches by geography as the search strategy is reliant on the quality of database subject indexing; the existence of geographically related record fields; the appearance of a UK related term in the record title and/or abstract. Despite these issues we decided that a pragmatic approach was necessary in order to reduce the number of records retrieved, and so the UK limit remained in the search strategies. In order to capture studies where there was no references to the UK or constituent nations, but which were based on UK evidence, we included the names of major towns and cities which might feature in reports of fieldwork or case studies (but did not look for smaller towns, regions names or place types). In practice, these searches retrieved sources which do not include empirical material, policy or conceptual matter relating to the UK, and which cover other countries instead. It may be that some UK sources have been inadvertently excluded. We carried out a supplementary search to include key sources based on material from other countries (see below).

We originally planned to search for literature published since the last major housing and labour market fluctuation in 1992, but because of the volume of sources produced by the period 1992-2012, and the fact that empirical material and comments on policy from the 1990s was often too outdated to be useful, we narrowed the search to retrieve only studies published between 2000 and 2012. However, we also carried out a supplementary search to include key older sources (see below).

The search strategies were developed through an iterative process, which involved adding additional terms and exclusions, in order to produce a search that was intended to be effective in reaching a high proportion of all potential sources in interest, and efficient in not including a high proportion of irrelevant sources.

Searches based on bibliographic databases and the use of automated search through search terms are not entirely comprehensive and will have systematic gaps. They function best for evidence contained within peer reviewed journal articles. For example, in some cases, bibliographies provide and searches can retrieve book titles, but not relevant chapter titles. Abstracts of books are available in several databases, but these may give little detail on individual chapters, even where these may be as long, as high quality and as interesting as journal articles. . Within some sources, the entire text of some books may be searchable. We carried out a supplementary search via websites to include a range of key sources the main search may have missed (see below).

Designing a search strategy with the right level of inclusivity and right extent of exclusivity and which produces a manageable number of sources are difficult. Searches were tested by glancing through titles and subtracts of results for sources of interest and irrelevant sources. We also checked whether searches had retrieved a pre-selected group of important and hard to find sources identified by members of the research team. However, even after adjustment, not all these sources were included in the final search results.

The titles and abstracts and locations of sources were downloaded and imported into EndNote software.

Selection of results

The results of the final search were explored, and some cases were excluded by searches within the search and by hand.

As a number of databases were searched, some degree of duplication resulted. Duplicate records were removed.

‘False positive’ results with titles or abstracts which suggested they offered little information relevant to the research questions were removed by hand. These included, for examples, sources not in English or on countries other than the UK.

Entries from a few individual journals which were responsible for a large number of irrelevant, marginally relevant or otherwise relatively low quality individual items were removed in their entirety.

Results of main formal literature and evidence search

After editing, the result of the searches was a total of 3365 sources. This is a large database for a relatively small project.

The results include books, book chapters, academic journal articles both peer reviewed and not, articles in other, non-peer reviewed journal and trade magazines, reports both with ISBN numbers and without, and theses.

**Supplementary searches for literature and evidence**

Most systematic literature reviews supplement a principal, formal, automated review with additional, more ad hoc searches. In this case we wanted to use supplementary searches to ensure coverage of three key areas:

1. Very recent and forthcoming literature and evidence, which is hard to access through formal search methods and particular relevant given the rapidly changing policy context in the UK. We asked the experts contacted to recommend forthcoming work they are involved with or otherwise aware of.
2. Literature from countries outside the UK most relevant to housing and poverty in the UK; for example US data. The literature search has thrown up a number of useful non-UK sources (despite attempts to avoid non-UK literature).
3. Literature taking longer term view, including older literature, enabling structural understanding of the relationship between housing and poverty. We have asked the experts contacted to recommend possible relevant sources, and will search broader social policy literature.

These searches were carried out by asking the housing and poverty experts we were in contact with for their recommendations, searching relevant websites, and making general web searches.

This review provided sources that were available in 2012 but which may not have been indexed and so might be excluded from the formal search. It also uncovered some other sources which might have been excluded for other reasons.

**Selection of material to review**

Once identified through main formal and supplementary searches, sources were selected from titles and abstracts for review of the full texts using the following criteria:

1. Relevance to the key questions;
2. Basis in empirical research (of any methodology), rather than expert opinion; (while not excluding some key conceptual work);
3. Robustness; and
4. Accessibility.

Given the scale of the project, we used titles and abstracts to carry out this selection, rather than full texts, and were not able to carry out a full formal assessment of quality of each retrieved item. Existing methods for scoring individual items according to checklists of desirable methodological features have been used in housing and poverty studies (eg Bond et al. 2011). However, they are time consuming, hard to apply outside more quantitative work, and may not entirely avoid biases in application or of exclusion (Littlewood et al. 2010).

Sources were divided up amongst the team according to team member specialism. Individual members of the review team assessed the relevance content and robustness of sources in their areas. They applied a brief quality appraisal method (Croucher *et al.,* 2003) to ensure selected sources are ‘good enough’, rejecting those that did not meet the standard of methodological soundness. It is acknowledged that reliance on the ‘best evidence synthesis’ approach which is less structured is at least to some extent, *“reliant upon the composition and competence of the systematic review team”* (Littlewood *et al*. 2010 p54).

Of the more than 3,000 sources identified in the search, only about 200 are refrrred to directly in the summative report. These are among those found to be most relevant and of high quality.

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**Appendix: Search Strategies**

This lists the details of search terms and Boolean terms used within each data source.

Social Policy & Practice (OvidSP). 2012104. Searched 22 May 2012.

1513 records were retrieved.

1 poverty.de. (14054)

2 (social exclusion or unemployment or low income or deprivation).de. (18775)

3 (poverty or impoverish$).ti,ab. (9450)

4 (indigent or indigence).ti,ab. (8)

5 ((low or below average or below median) adj3 income$1).ti,ab. (3344)

6 (deprived or deprivation or disadvantage$ or marginal$).ti,ab. (12115)

7 inequalit$.ti,ab. (4974)

8 ((social or socially) adj3 (exclusion or exclud$ or isolat$ or inclusion or include$ or mobility)).ti,ab. (9110)

9 (income support or income maintenance).ti,ab. (779)

10 (unemploy$ or underemploy$ or job loss or job losses).ti,ab. (4186)

11 ((low or minimum or living) adj2 (wage or wages or waged)).ti,ab. (478)

12 ((financial or economic) adj2 (difficult$ or problem$)).ti,ab. (609)

13 (labour market outcome$ or labor market outcome$).ti,ab. (92)

14 employment outcome$1.ti,ab. (135)

15 ((take-up or entry or exit) adj2 employment).ti,ab. (64)

16 (employment adj2 (sustain$ or stable or stability)).ti,ab. (154)

17 (labour mobility or labor mobility).ti,ab. (51)

18 or/1-17 (43799)

19 (housing$ and cost$).de. (1127)

20 (housing adj2 (costs or income$1 or resource$1 or wealth)).ti,ab. (1002)

21 social housing.ti. (872)

22 homeless$.ti. (2976)

23 (housing adj2 afford$).ti. (593)

24 (rent or rents or rented or mortgag$).ti,ab. (4895)

25 (tenure or tenant$1 or tenancy or tenancies).ti,ab. (7140)

26 (homeown$ or (home adj2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or (owner adj2 occup$)).ti,ab. (2342)

27 ((social or council or public sector or registered social landlord or RSL or housing association) adj2 (tenant or tenants)).ti,ab. (751)

28 ((poor or poorly or inadequate$ or insecur$) adj2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes)).ti,ab. (549)

29 ((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair$) adj2 (house or housing or home or homes)).ti,ab. (144)

30 (overcrowd$ adj2 (home or homes or house or housing)).ti,ab. (69)

31 (persons adj2 room).ti,ab. (5)

32 or/19-31 (17071)

33 18 and 32 (3259)

34 (housing adj2 poverty).ti,ab. (186)

35 33 or 34 (3378)

36 (united kingdom or england or scotland or wales or northern ireland or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford).de. (96110)

37 (united kingdom or britain or uk or british or england or english or wales or welsh or scotland or scottish or ireland or eire or irish or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford).ti,ab,pp. (134662)

38 36 or 37 (186363)

39 35 and 38 (2617)

40 (community care or inside housing or hansard$ or scope).sd. (22340)

41 39 not 40 (2449)

42 limit 41 to yr="2000 -Current" (1513)

MEDLINE and MEDLINE In-Process (OvidSP). 1946-2012/may week 2. Searched 22 May 2012.

238 records were retrieved in MEDLINE, and 15 records were retrieved in MEDLINE In-Process.

1 exp Poverty/ (26835)

2 Social Isolation/ (10101)

3 Unemployment/ (4658)

4 (poverty or impoverish$).ti,ab. (14115)

5 (indigent or indigence).ti,ab. (1826)

6 ((low or below average or below median) adj3 income$1).ti,ab. (16131)

7 (deprived or deprivation or disadvantage$ or marginal$).ti,ab. (147979)

8 inequalit$.ti,ab. (10936)

9 ((social or socially) adj3 (exclusion or exclud$ or isolat$ or inclusion or include$ or mobility)).ti,ab. (7616)

10 (income support or income maintenance).ti,ab. (197)

11 (unemploy$ or underemploy$ or job loss or job losses).ti,ab. (9411)

12 ((low or minimum or living) adj2 (wage or wages or waged)).ti,ab. (601)

13 ((financial or economic) adj2 (difficult$ or problem$)).ti,ab. (2887)

14 (labour market outcome$ or labor market outcome$).ti,ab. (77)

15 employment outcome$1.ti,ab. (326)

16 ((take-up or entry or exit) adj2 employment).ti,ab. (29)

17 (employment adj2 (sustain$ or stable or stability)).ti,ab. (138)

18 (labour mobility or labor mobility).ti,ab. (45)

19 or/1-18 (225850)

20 exp Housing/ and exp Economics/ (1885)

21 (housing adj2 (costs or income$1 or resource$1 or wealth)).ti,ab. (406)

22 social housing.ti,ab. (154)

23 homeless$.ti. (3281)

24 (housing adj2 afford$).ti,ab. (133)

25 (rent or rents or rented or mortgag$).ti,ab. (1061)

26 (tenure or tenant$1 or tenancy or tenancies).ti,ab. (2205)

27 (homeown$ or (home adj2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or (owner adj2 occup$)).ti,ab. (630)

28 ((social or council or public sector or registered social landlord or RSL or housing association) adj2 (tenant or tenants)).ti,ab. (8)

29 ((poor or poorly or inadequate$ or insecur$) adj2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes)).ti,ab. (663)

30 ((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair$) adj2 (house or housing or home or homes)).ti,ab. (72)

31 (overcrowd$ adj2 (home or homes or house or housing)).ti,ab. (77)

32 (persons adj2 room).ti,ab. (68)

33 or/20-32 (10001)

34 19 and 33 (1867)

35 (housing adj2 poverty).ti,ab. (60)

36 34 or 35 (1899)

37 exp Great Britain/ (279444)

38 (united kingdom or britain or uk or british or england or english or wales or welsh or scotland or scottish or ireland or eire or irish or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford).ti,ab,in. (1072679)

39 37 or 38 (1224729)

EconLit (OvidSP). 1961-2012/April. Searched 22 May 2012.

879 records were retrieved.

1 "welfare and poverty general".sh. (2032)

2 (poverty or impoverish$).ti,ab. (16890)

3 (indigent or indigence).ti,ab. (77)

4 ((low or below average or below median) adj3 income$1).ti,ab. (5643)

5 (deprived or deprivation or disadvantage$ or marginal$).ti,ab. (20926)

6 inequalit$.ti,ab. (17024)

7 ((social or socially) adj3 (exclusion or exclud$ or isolat$ or inclusion or include$ or mobility)).ti,ab. (1801)

8 (income support or income maintenance).ti,ab. (593)

9 (unemploy$ or underemploy$ or job loss or job losses).ti,ab. (22491)

10 ((low or minimum or living) adj2 (wage or wages or waged)).ti,ab. (3646)

11 ((financial or economic) adj2 (difficult$ or problem$)).ti,ab. (2460)

12 (labour market outcome$ or labor market outcome$).ti,ab. (1236)

13 employment outcome$1.ti,ab. (267)

14 ((take-up or entry or exit) adj2 employment).ti,ab. (109)

15 (employment adj2 (sustain$ or stable or stability)).ti,ab. (311)

16 (labour mobility or labor mobility).ti,ab. (1131)

17 or/1-16 (84169)

18 "housing economics including urban and nonurban housing".sh. (2631)

19 (housing adj2 (costs or income$1 or resource$1 or wealth)).ti,ab. (894)

20 social housing.ti,ab. (291)

21 homeless$.ti,ab. (406)

22 (housing adj2 afford$).ti,ab. (431)

23 ((housing or home or homes or house) adj3 (rent or rents or rented or mortgag$)).ti,ab. (907)

24 ((housing or home or homes or house) adj3 (tenure or tenant$1 or tenancy or tenancies)).ti,ab. (352)

25 (homeown$ or (home adj2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or (owner adj2 occup$)).ti,ab. (2265)

26 ((social or council or public sector or registered social landlord or RSL or housing association) adj2 (tenant or tenants)).ti,ab. (32)

27 ((poor or poorly or inadequate$ or insecur$) adj2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes)).ti,ab. (95)

28 ((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair$) adj2 (house or housing or home or homes)).ti,ab. (14)

29 (overcrowd$ adj2 (home or homes or house or housing)).ti,ab. (8)

30 (persons adj2 room).ti,ab. (5)

31 or/18-30 (7173)

32 17 and 31 (1201)

33 (housing adj2 poverty).ti,ab. (54)

34 32 or 33 (1234)

35 limit 34 to yr="2000 -Current" (879)

PsycINFO (OvidSP). 1987-2012/May week 3. Searched 22 May 2012.

292 records were retrieved.

1 exp Poverty/ (4536)

2 exp Social Isolation/ (3402)

3 exp Unemployment/ (2131)

4 (poverty or impoverish$).ti,ab. (12116)

5 (indigent or indigence).ti,ab. (278)

6 ((low or below average or below median) adj3 income$1).ti,ab. (10660)

7 (deprived or deprivation or disadvantage$ or marginal$).ti,ab. (39768)

8 inequalit$.ti,ab. (8516)

9 ((social or socially) adj3 (exclusion or exclud$ or isolat$ or inclusion or include$ or mobility)).ti,ab. (10395)

10 (income support or income maintenance).ti,ab. (181)

11 (unemploy$ or underemploy$ or job loss or job losses).ti,ab. (7513)

12 ((low or minimum or living) adj2 (wage or wages or waged)).ti,ab. (489)

13 ((financial or economic) adj2 (difficult$ or problem$)).ti,ab. (1474)

14 (labour market outcome$ or labor market outcome$).ti,ab. (174)

15 employment outcome$1.ti,ab. (678)

16 ((take-up or entry or exit) adj2 employment).ti,ab. (46)

17 (employment adj2 (sustain$ or stable or stability)).ti,ab. (269)

18 (labour mobility or labor mobility).ti,ab. (40)

19 or/1-18 (86428)

20 housing/ (2401)

21 (housing adj2 (costs or income$1 or resource$1 or wealth)).ti,ab. (309)

22 social housing.ti,ab. (158)

23 homeless$.ti,ab. (5940)

24 (housing adj2 afford$).ti,ab. (171)

25 (rent or rents or rented or mortgag$).ti,ab. (630)

26 (tenure or tenant$1 or tenancy or tenancies).ti,ab. (3209)

27 (homeown$ or (home adj2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or (owner adj2 occup$)).ti,ab. (555)

28 ((social or council or public sector or registered social landlord or RSL or housing association) adj2 (tenant or tenants)).ti,ab. (3)

29 ((poor or poorly or inadequate$ or insecur$) adj2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes)).ti,ab. (273)

30 ((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair$) adj2 (house or housing or home or homes)).ti,ab. (32)

31 (overcrowd$ adj2 (home or homes or house or housing)).ti,ab. (12)

32 (persons adj2 room).ti,ab. (12)

33 or/20-32 (12419)

34 19 and 33 (2225)

35 (housing adj2 poverty).ti,ab. (58)

36 34 or 35 (2243)

37 (united kingdom or britain or uk or british or england or english or wales or welsh or scotland or scottish or ireland or eire or irish or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford).ti,ab,in. (341623)

38 36 and 37 (355)

39 limit 38 to yr="2000 -Current" (292)

SSCI (Web of Science). 1956 - 2012-05-18. Searched 22 May 2012.

731 records were retrieved.

# 32 #26 and #31

*Timespan=2000-2012*

# 31 #27 or #28 or #29 or #30

# 30 CI=(london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 29 CU=("united kingdom" or britain or uk or british or england or wales or scotland or ireland or eire)

# 28 OG=("united kingdom" or england or scotland or wales or northern ireland or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 27 TS=("united kingdom" or england or scotland or wales or northern ireland or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 26 #24 or #25

# 25 TS=(housing NEAR/2 poverty)

# 24 #12 and #23

# 23 #13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17 or #18 or #19 or #20 or #21 or #22

# 22 TS=(persons NEAR/2 room)

# 21 TS=(overcrowd\* NEAR/2 (home or homes or house or housing))

# 20 TS=((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair\*) NEAR/2 (house or housing or home or homes))

# 19 TS=((poor or poorly or inadequate\* or insecur\*) NEAR/2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes))

# 18 TS=(homeown\*) or TS=(home NEAR/2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or TS=(owner NEAR/2 occup\*)

# 17 TS=(rent or rents or rented or mortgag\* or tenure or tenant$ or tenancy or tenancies)

# 16 TS=(housing NEAR/2 afford\*)

# 15 TS=homeless\*

# 14 TS="social housing"

# 13 TS=(housing NEAR/2 (costs or income$ or resource$ or wealth))

# 12 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 or #10 or #11

# 11 TS=("labour mobility" or "labor mobility")

# 10 TS=(employment NEAR/2 (sustain\* or stable or stability))

# 9 TS=((take-up or entry or exit) NEAR/2 employment)

# 8 TS=("labour market outcome\*" or "labor market outcome\*" or "employment outcome$")

# 7 TS=((financial or economic) NEAR/2 (difficult\* or problem\*))

# 6 TS=((low or minimum or living) NEAR/2 (wage or wages or waged))

# 5 TS=("income support" or "income maintenance" or unemploy\* or underemploy\* or "job loss" or "job losses")

# 4 TS=((social or socially) NEAR/3 (exclusion or exclude\* or isolate\* or inclusion or include\* or mobility))

# 3 TS=(deprived or deprivation or disadvantage\* or marginal\* or inequality\*)

# 2 TS=((low or "below average" or "below median") NEAR/3 income$)

# 1 TS=(poverty or impoverish\* or indigent or indigence)

CPCI-SSH (Web of Science). 1990 - 2012-05-18. Searched 22 May 2012.

43 records were retrieved.

# 32 #26 and #31

*Timespan=2000-2012*

# 31 #27 or #28 or #29 or #30

# 30 CI=(london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 29 CU=("united kingdom" or britain or uk or british or england or wales or scotland or ireland or eire)

# 28 OG=("united kingdom" or england or scotland or wales or northern ireland or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 27 TS=("united kingdom" or england or scotland or wales or northern ireland or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)

# 26 #24 or #25

# 25 TS=(housing NEAR/2 poverty)

# 24 #12 and #23

# 23 #13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17 or #18 or #19 or #20 or #21 or #22

# 22 TS=(persons NEAR/2 room)

# 21 TS=(overcrowd\* NEAR/2 (home or homes or house or housing))

# 20 TS=((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair\*) NEAR/2 (house or housing or home or homes))

# 19 TS=((poor or poorly or inadequate\* or insecur\*) NEAR/2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes))

# 18 TS=(homeown\*) or TS=(home NEAR/2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or TS=(owner NEAR/2 occup\*)

# 17 TS=(rent or rents or rented or mortgag\* or tenure or tenant$ or tenancy or tenancies)

# 16 TS=(housing NEAR/2 afford\*)

# 15 TS=homeless\*

# 14 TS="social housing"

# 13 TS=(housing NEAR/2 (costs or income$ or resource$ or wealth))

# 12 #1 or #2 or #3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 or #10 or #11

# 11 TS=("labour mobility" or "labor mobility")

# 10 TS=(employment NEAR/2 (sustain\* or stable or stability))

# 9 TS=((take-up or entry or exit) NEAR/2 employment)

# 8 TS=("labour market outcome\*" or "labor market outcome\*" or "employment outcome$")

# 7 TS=((financial or economic) NEAR/2 (difficult\* or problem\*))

# 6 TS=((low or minimum or living) NEAR/2 (wage or wages or waged))

# 5 TS=("income support" or "income maintenance" or unemploy\* or underemploy\* or "job loss" or "job losses")

# 4 TS=((social or socially) NEAR/3 (exclusion or exclude\* or isolate\* or inclusion or include\* or mobility))

# 3 TS=(deprived or deprivation or disadvantage\* or marginal\* or inequality\*)

# 2 TS=((low or "below average" or "below median") NEAR/3 income$)

# 1 TS=(poverty or impoverish\* or indigent or indigence)

ASSIA (ProQuest). 1987-2012/April. Searched 23 May 2012.

524 records were retrieved.

((((SU.EXACT("Poverty") OR SU.EXACT("Social Exclusion") OR SU.EXACT("Unemployment") OR SU.EXACT("Low income people") OR SU.EXACT("Deprivation")) OR AB,TI(poverty OR impoverish\* OR indigent OR indigence) OR AB,TI(poverty NEAR/3 income? OR impoverish\*NEAR/3 income? OR indigentN/3 income? OR indigence NEAR/3 income?) OR AB,TI(deprived OR deprivation OR disadvantage\* OR marginal\* OR inequalit\*) OR AB,TI(social\* NEAR/3 exclusion OR social\* NEAR/3 exclud\* OR social\* NEAR/3 isolat\* OR social\* NEAR/3 inclusion OR social\* NEAR/3 include\* OR social\* NEAR/3 mobility) OR AB,TI("income support" OR "income maintenance" OR unemploy\* OR underemploy\* OR "job loss" OR "job losses") OR AB,TI((low OR minimum OR living) NEAR/2 (wage OR wages OR waged)) OR AB,TI((financial OR economic) NEAR/2 (difficult\* OR problem\*)) OR AB,TI("labour market outcome\*" OR "labor market outcome\*" OR "employment outcome?") OR AB,TI((take-up OR entry OR exit) NEAR/2 employment) OR AB,TI(employment NEAR/2 (sustain\* OR stable OR stability)) OR AB,TI("labour mobility" OR "labor mobility")) AND (SU.EXACT("Housing costs") OR AB,TI(housing NEAR/2 (costs OR income? OR resource? OR wealth)) OR AB,TI("social housing" OR homeless\*) OR AB,TI(housing NEAR/2 afford) OR AB,TI(rent OR rents OR rented OR mortgag\* OR tenure OR tenant? OR tenancy OR tenancies) OR AB,TI(homeown\* OR (home NEAR/2 (owner OR owners OR owning OR ownership)) OR (owner NEAR/2 occup\*)) OR AB,TI((poor OR poorly OR inadequate\* OR insecur\*) NEAR/2 (housing OR house OR housed OR home OR homes)) OR AB,TI((unfit OR non-decent OR substandard OR sub-standard OR disrepair\*) NEAR/2 (house OR housing OR home OR homes)) OR AB,TI(overcrowd\* NEAR/2 (home OR homes OR house OR housing)) OR AB,TI(persons NEAR/2 room))) OR AB,TI(housing NEAR/2 poverty) AND (SU.EXPLODE("UK") OR AB,TI,CP("united kingdom" OR britain OR uk OR british OR england OR english OR wales OR welsh OR scotland OR scottish OR ireland OR eire OR irish OR london OR edinburgh OR cardiff OR belfast OR birmingham OR liverpool OR leeds OR sheffield OR bristol OR manchester OR leicester OR coventry OR bradford)))

Date: From 2000 to 2012

Social Services Abstracts (CSA Illumina). 1979-2012/April. Searched 23 May 2012.

133 records were retrieved.

((((DE="poverty") or(DE="social closure") or(DE="unemployment") or(DE="deprivation") or(KW=((poverty or impoverish\* or indigent or indigence) or ((low or "below average" or "below median") within 3 income?) or (deprived or deprivation or disadvantage\* or marginal\* or inequality\*)) or KW=(((social or socially) within 3 (exclusion or exclude\* or isolate\* or inclusion or include\* or mobility)) or ("income support" or "income maintenance" or unemploy\* or underemploy\* or "job loss" or "job losses") or ((low or minimum or living) within 2 (wage or wages or waged))) or KW=(((financial or economic) within 2 (difficult\* or problem\*)) or ("labour market outcome\*" or "labor market outcome\*" or "employment outcome?") or ((take-up or entry or exit) within 2 employment))) or(KW=((employment within 2 (sustain\* or stable or stability)) or ("labour mobility" or "labor mobility")))) and((DE="housing costs") or(KW=((housing within 2 (costs or income? or resource? or wealth)) or ("social housing" or homeless\* or rent or rents or rented or mortgag\* or tenure or tenant? or tenancy or tenancies) or (homeown\* or (home within 2 (owner or owners or owning or ownership)) or (owner within 2 occup\*))) or KW=(((poor or poorly or inadequate\* or insecure\*) within 2 (housing or house or housed or home or homes)) or ((unfit or non-decent or substandard or sub-standard or disrepair\*) within 2 (house or housing or home or homes)) or (overcrowd\* within 2 (home or homes or house or housing))) or KW=(persons within 2 room)))) or(KW=(housing within 2 poverty))) and((DE=("united kingdom" or "great britain" or "england" or "london england" or "scotland" or "glasgow scotland" or "wales" or "northern ireland")) or(KW=("united kingdom" or britain or uk or british or england or english or wales or welsh or scotland or scottish or ireland or eire or irish or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford) or CP=("united kingdom" or britain or uk or british or england or english or wales or welsh or scotland or scottish or ireland or eire or irish or london or edinburgh or cardiff or belfast or birmingham or liverpool or leeds or sheffield or bristol or manchester or leicester or coventry or bradford)))

Date Range: 2000 to 2012

Social Care Online (Social Care Institute for Excellence). 2012/April. Searched 23 May 2012.

605 records were retrieved.

(topic="poverty" or topic="social exclusion" or topic="unemployment" or topic="low income" or freetext="poverty" or freetext=" impoverish \*" or freetext=" indigen\*" or freetext="low income\*" or freetext="below average income\*" or freetext="depriv\*" or freetext="marginal\*" or freetext="inequalit\*" or freetext="social exclu\*" or freetext="income support" or freetext="income maintenance" or freetext="unemploy\*" or freetext="underemploy\*" or freetext="job loss\*" or freetext="low wage\*" or freetext="minimum wage\*" or freetext="living wage\*" or freetext="financial difficult\*" or freetext="economic difficult\*" or freetext="labour market outcome\*" or freetext="employment outcome\*" or freetext="stable employment" or freetext="labour mobility" or freetext="labor mobility") and ((topic="housing" and topic="costs") or topic="social housing" or topic="homelessness" or freetext="housing costs" or freetext="housing income\*" or freetext="housing wealth" or freetext="social housing" or freetext="homeless\*" or ="housing afford\*" or freetext="rent" or freetext="rents" or freetext="rented" or freetext="mortgag\*" or freetext="tenure" or freetext="tenant\*" or freetext="tenanc\*" or freetext="homeown\*" or freetext="home own\*" or freetext="owner occup\*" or freetext="poor housing" or freetext="inadequate\* housing" or freetext="insecure\* housing" or freetext="unfit housing" or freetext="substandard housing" or freetext="housing disrepair\*" or freetext="overcrowd\* housing") and (publicationdate>2000) not (Jenkins 2011ournaltitle="community care" or journaltitle="inside housing" or journaltitle="scope")

OAIster (http://oaister.worldcat.org/). Searched 23 May 2012.

210 records were retrieved; 12 potentially relevant records were kept

(kw:"housing" AND "poverty") AND (kw:"united kingdom" OR "britain" OR "uk" OR "british" OR "england" OR "english" OR "wales" OR "welsh" OR "scotland" OR "scottish" OR "ireland" OR "eire" OR "irish" OR "london" OR "edinburgh" OR "cardiff" OR "belfast" OR "birmingham" OR "liverpool" OR "leeds" OR "sheffield" OR "bristol" OR "manchester" OR "leicester" OR "coventry" OR "bradford")

Zetoc (http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk/). Searched 23 May 2012.

78 records were retrieved.

Each search run separately

General search:

housing poverty "united kingdom"

housing poverty Britain

housing poverty british

housing poverty uk

housing poverty england

housing poverty wales

housing poverty Scotland

housing poverty ireland

housing poverty London

housing poverty edinburgh

housing poverty cardiff

housing poverty belfast

housing poverty birmingham

housing poverty liverpool

housing poverty Leeds

housing poverty sheffield

housing poverty bristol

housing poverty manchester

housing poverty Leicester

housing poverty coventry

housing poverty bradford

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