

Social Inclusion

The Scottish Executive's Social Justice and Equality Strategies set out its plans to take forward a vision for a just and inclusive society. This bulletin reports on a range of social research projects carried out in-house or commissioned by the Scottish Executive relating to these cross-cutting strategies. It provides an update of ongoing projects, information about recent and forthcoming publications and details of new research likely to be commissioned over the coming months.

The Office of the Chief Researcher and research teams in the various Departments provide a social research service to the Scottish Executive and certain allied Departments. Research teams support the formulation, development and evaluation of the Scottish Executive's policies and contribute to better delivery of services through the provision of evidence-based advice.

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Social Justice

Ongoing Work

Exploring Policy Research Needs on LGBT Communities in Scotland: Phase 3

Contractor: National Centre for Social Research

Due Date: to be agreed

Contact: Laura Turney [0131 244 0427]

Final phase of study to explore the need for, and possible approaches to, the collection of data on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities in Scotland.

Minority Ethnic People and Homelessness in Scotland

Contractor: Heriot Watt University

Due Date: December 2003

Contact: Celia McKenna [0131 244 7558]

Cross-cutting research between Housing and Social Justice (Equalities) Research Teams. This study will examine the provision and use of homelessness services in Scotland by minority ethnic people. It aims to improve the evidence base for local authorities and other service providers in the development of local homelessness strategies. The study will map existing services, review local authority experience and practice and involve in-depth interviews with users and potential users of services.

Scottish Social Attitudes Survey: Discrimination Module

Contractor: National Centre for Social Research

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Suzi Macpherson [0131 244 7571]

Detailed analysis of a survey module to assess and explore public attitudes to discrimination in Scotland.

Review of Multiple Discrimination Research

Contractor: In-house

Due Date: Winter 2003

Contact: Laura Turney [0131 244 0427]

A review assessing the extent and nature of research on multiple discrimination with particular focus on the Scottish context.

Diversity in the Public Appointments Process in Scotland

Contractor: Reid-Howie Associates

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Celia McKenna [0131 244 7558]

This research seeks to explore the public appointments processes in Scotland, in relation to diversity. It will provide recommendations for improving the process so that future processes produce a diverse range of candidates.

Refugee Skills Audit

Contractor: Scottish Refugee Council & in-house

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Laura Turney [0131 244 0427]

This project seeks to identify the skills, qualifications and aspirations of refugees and asylum seekers living in Scotland. In addition, the audit will also identify the barriers that refugees and asylum seekers encounter when attempting to find employment or access further training.

Mainstreaming Equality

Contractor: In-house

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Laura Turney [0131 244 0427]

This work seeks to conduct an audit of equality related research that has been undertaken or commissioned by the Scottish Executive, and to reorganise that work into a web-based resource that can be used to support mainstreaming equality work within the Scottish Executive and beyond.

Low Income Households with Children: an Exploratory Study

Contractor: Centre for Research on Families and Relationships

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

A two-phase exploratory study to review relevant literature and to investigate the views and experiences of households with children living on low incomes.

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Credit Union Training

Contractor: Centre for Socially Inclusive Services,
Heriot-Watt University

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Research to audit the training provision for credit union volunteers in Scotland and to develop and pilot a toolkit for credit unions which allows them to carry out skills audits of their volunteer workforces.

Social Justice Childcare & Employment Funding

Contractor: GEN Consulting

Due Date: November 2003

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Research of 2 pilot areas to inform the design, development and implementation of the main Social Justice programme for specialised childcare initiatives to help parents furthest away from labour market participation move towards employment and/or training.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Two-stage Credit Union Research

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Stage 1: Credit Unions in Scotland Membership Survey

Stage 2: Assessment of Credit Unions' role in tackling social exclusion in Scotland – to explore (1) characteristics of CU members and volunteers in Scotland and their saving/borrowing patterns and (2) the potential for credit unions and their role in tackling financial exclusion.

Financial Literacy Initiatives – What Works?

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Work to identify initiatives on financial literacy in Scotland by UK-wide and Scottish bodies which are relevant to financial inclusion and look at what works in improving financial literacy of financially excluded people.

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Scottish Compact

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Stage 2 data collection to build upon Stage 1 baseline review & design of monitoring and evaluation framework for Scottish Compact.

Review of Local Compacts

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Work to map existing local compacts and identify good practice in the development of local compacts.

Training Needs of the Voluntary Sector

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]

Training needs analysis of voluntary sector organisations.

The forward programme of Social Justice research for 2003-2004 was published as part of the Development Department Research Programme in March 2003 and is available on the Scottish Executive Social Research website at

www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch

Publications

Asylum Seekers in Scotland (2003)

Barclay A, Bowes A, Ferguson I, Sim D, Valenti M, Fard S and MacIntosh S

Research to assess the effect of the implementation of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 on asylum seekers and devolved services in Scotland. The study involved in-depth interviews with key stakeholders, service providers, asylum seekers and local community organisations, and included elements to identify and assess good practice and to monitor media content and coverage of asylum seeker issues.

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Sexual Orientation Research, Phase 1: A Review of Methodological Approaches (2003)

McManus S, National Centre for Social Research

Report of an international review of sexual orientation research methodologies and data sources. The report aims to evaluate different existing methodological approaches to researching sexual orientation, and to review the scope of existing research.

Scoping the New Ethnic Minority Survey: Views from Ethnic Minority Communities (forthcoming 2003)

Blake Stevenson Ltd.

Research study commissioned as part of a wider investigation into both the range of information required and methods of investigation best employed to assist the development of a proposed new Scottish Executive research programme into the needs of minority ethnic people in Scotland.

Sexual Orientation Research Phase 2: The Future of LGBT Research – Perspectives of Community Organisations (2003)

McClellan C and O' Connor W, National Centre for Social Research

This research was commissioned by the Scottish Executive to identify policy areas where LGBT research is considered lacking, to understand the types of research needed on these topics and to elucidate the barriers to research on LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) issues in Scotland.

Equality Proofing Procedures in Drafting Legislation: International Comparisons (2002)

Mackay F and Bilton K, Governance of Scotland Forum, University of Edinburgh

Research to identify models of equality proofing procedures in the drafting of legislation in other countries, and in particular to identify whether written guidance on equality proofing of legislation existed which might serve as a basis for drafting guidance for the Scottish Executive.

Year One Monitoring Of The Child Poverty Package (2003)

Ballantyne F, Hendry C and Leishman R (4-consulting)

The Child Poverty Package, a new package of initiatives to assist lone parents into further and higher education by supporting childcare costs and improving childcare supply, was launched in July 2001. This study involved designing a monitoring framework for two key elements of this package, and collection and analysis of the first year of monitoring data.

Scottish Compact Baseline Review (2003)

Hayton K (GEN Consulting)

A baseline review of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the development of core monitoring indicators and to outline options for an evaluation framework for the Scottish Compact.

Chief Scientist Office (Health)

Ongoing Work

Scotland's Health, Housing & Regeneration Project: The Health Impacts Of New Social Housing And Regeneration Initiatives

Principal Investigator: Prof. Ade Kearns, Dept. of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow

Due Date: June 2006

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

A longitudinal study comparing mental and physical health in households rehoused into new social housing and households resident in social housing in the same areas, to ascertain the nature, extent and duration of any changes in health, and features of housing and regeneration programmes associated with them.

Childhood IQ, Social Factors and Health: a Collaboration between the Midspan Studies & the 1932 Scottish Mental Ability Survey

Principal Investigator: Professor Ian Deary, Dept. of Psychology, University of Edinburgh

Due Date: 2003

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

The study will combine data on IQ and social circumstances in childhood, physiological factors and social circumstances in midlife, and specific illnesses later in life and mortality. It will explore relative contributions of social factors and IQ in childhood, and health behaviours in adulthood, to late-life morbidity and mortality.

Childhood Cognition, Education & Adult Health: Associations, Mechanisms & Mitigating Influences

Principal investigator: Professor Sally Macintyre, MRC Social and Public Health Sciences Unit

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

Data on cognitive function and socioeconomic circumstances at age 7 will be linked with data on morbidity and mortality later in life using a unique cohort of 12,000 Scottish children born in Aberdeen in the early 1950s. The study will explore the effect of cognitive function on later health, and the way this is affected by social position and schooling.

Measuring Health, Variations In Health and Determinants Of Health In Scotland

Principal Investigator: Dr A Leyland, MRC Social and Public Health Sciences Unit

Due Date: ongoing

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

Programme of work to explore the social and spatial patterning of health, including development of measures of inequality, and factors influencing rural disadvantage.

Evaluating the Impact on Population Health and Inequalities in Health of (mainly) Non-Health Sector Policies, Programmes and Projects In Scotland

Principal Investigator: Dr Mark Petticrew, MRC Social & Public Health Sciences Unit

Due Date: ongoing

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

Work to develop methods to assess the impact of interventions to reduce health inequalities, and develop, implement and evaluate interventions to improve the life circumstances and health of disadvantaged and socially excluded groups through changes in social and physical environments.

Health Inequalities in Scotland: Decennial Report on Socioeconomic and Spatial Variations in Health around the 1991 and 2001 Censuses

Principal investigator: Philip McLoone

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Peter Craig [0131 244 4077]

Analysis of patterns and trends in mortality and other aspects of health according to social class and area-based deprivation measures.

Publications

For summaries of published studies, see the CSO website (www.show.scot.nhs.uk/cso). The full reports are available from the authors.

Civic Participation and Consultation

Ongoing Work

Evaluation of National Care Standards Consultation Process

Contractor: In-house

Due Date: August 2003

Contact: Fiona Hodgkiss [0131 244 3787]

An evaluation of the consultative processes used by the Social Work Services Inspectorate in 1999–2001 to develop the National Care Standards. Looks at what attempts were made to encourage service users, carers and ethnic minority groups to take an active part in the process. The work will inform the development of SE consultation policy and will be of interest to agencies engaging with these groups in the future.

Evaluation of People's Juries and People's Panels in Social Inclusion Partnerships

Contractor: RDS Consultancy Services/ Craigforth and Clarity

Due Date: August 2003

Contact: Nuala Gormley [0131 244 3786]

To evaluate the extent to which People's Panels and People's Juries in SIPs fulfilled their objectives.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Involving Older People: Lessons for Community Planning

Contractor: to be appointed

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Alison Platts [0131 244 4315]

A qualitative mapping exercise to provide baseline information on the involvement of older people at a local level, to provide a benchmark and highlight good practice. Will identify how Community Planning Partnerships ensure that older people in Scotland have the opportunity to contribute to and participate in the development and delivery of public services and community planning processes.

Evaluation of Draft Guidance for Involving and Engaging the Public in Developing Health and Community Care Policies

Contractor: to be appointed

Due Date: February 2004

Contact: Alison Platts [0131 244 4315]

Gathering the views of a range of SE staff and external stakeholders on draft guidance to involve and engage people in the development of health and community care policies, and piloting the guidance in a number of case studies.

Publications

Hungry for Success: Analysis of Responses to the Expert Panel's Consultation Document on School Meals (2002)

Scottish Council for Research Education Centre (SCRE)

A report detailing the findings from the analysis of responses received to a consultation exercise on proposals and a vision for school meals provision in Scotland. The findings were used to develop the final proposals for school meals provision.

Hungry for Success: Research on Pupils' Views of School Meals (2002)

NFO System Three

A research project which gathered the views of pupils on recommendations made by the Expert Panel on School Meals, as part of a consultation on school meals provision in Scotland. The findings informed the final proposals for school meals provision.

Consultation on a Physical Activity Strategy for Scotland: Analysis of Responses (2002)

Reid Howie Associates

A report detailing the findings from the analysis of responses received to the consultation on a physical activity strategy for Scotland. The findings were used to inform the development of the final version of the strategy.

Civil Law

Ongoing Work

Community Legal Services in Scotland: Needs Assessment

Contractor: MRUK and University of Salford

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Catherine Palmer [0131 244 2982]

This project is assessing the level and nature of community legal need in 4 community legal service partnership areas using two different methods – proxy models and community surveys. These exercises will be followed by focus groups with local stakeholders. Reports for individual partnerships will be produced in the course of the project. A final report to the Scottish Executive including the key results and recommendations for conducting future needs assessment exercises will be published in December 2003.

Evaluation of Community Legal Service Pilot Partnerships

Contractors: In-house

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Catherine Palmer [0131 244 2982]

The principal objective of this evaluation will be to assess and evaluate the contribution and cost of pilot community legal partnerships in improving the planning of services locally. The evaluation will be undertaken in-house and has two strands. The first strand will obtain the views of partnership participants before and after the partnership process using a short questionnaire. The second element is to conduct non-participant observation of partnership meetings to assess how effectively the partnerships function. The final report will be published in June 2004.

Human Rights Cases in the Scottish Courts

Contractor: Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde

Due Date: June 2004

Contact: Fiona MacDonald [0131 244 2094]

The principal aim of the project is to monitor and review the uses and development of human rights law in Scottish courts. The researchers will also be piloting a monitoring system in a sample of Scottish courts, with a view to making recommendations for a nation-wide monitoring system. Such a system would allow for the tracking of cases that make use of human rights legislation. This project began in May 2003. A final report will be published in Summer 2004.

Adults with Incapacity: Consultancy on Implementation, Monitoring and Research

Contractors: Alzheimer Scotland and Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health

Due Date: Autumn 2004

Contact: Fiona MacDonald [0131 244 2094]

The research team are undertaking three distinct (but linked) phases of work in relation to Parts 1, 2, 3 and 6 of the Adults with Incapacity Act. The aim is to establish how the Act is operating, whether it is operating in the way intended, and the impact it is having on those using it. The first six months of the Consultancy focused on implementation and monitoring of the use of the Act. In the coming year, greater focus will be given to the research activity (which builds on the other components).

National Survey of Employment Tribunal Applications: Scottish Booster

Contractor: DTI and BMRB

Contact: Anita Morrison [0131 244 5229]

Due Date: 2004

A Scottish booster to this GB-wide survey has been commissioned from the Department for Trade and Industry (DTI). Information to be collected includes characteristics of the applicants, employers and the dispute, use of procedures, patterns of support, advice and representation and the tribunal outcome. There is also scope for comparisons between Scotland and England/Wales. The data will be available to the Civil Law Research Team in January 2004.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Evaluation of Legal Aid Fixed Fees

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Debbie Headrick [0131 244 4389]

Research is planned to examine the impact of the introduction of legal aid fixed fees. It is likely that the project will examine the impact on summary criminal legal aid expenditure and on key participants and stakeholders. This evaluation will be commissioned in Summer 2003.

Publications

Minority and Social Diversity in Legal Education (2003)

NFO System Three and University of Strathclyde

This project examined recruitment into law courses within Scottish Universities, and the subsequent career choices made by law students with particular reference to improving diversity.

Evaluation of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001 (forthcoming 2003)

Cavanagh K, Scoular J and Connolly C

This research analysed relevant cases in the three months preceding, and subsequent to, the introduction of the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) legislation. The views of those interacting with the Act (users, the police, fiscals and sheriffs) are sought to establish levels of awareness, use of, and impact of the Act.

Child Contact Centres: Two reports (forthcoming 2003)

National Centre for Social Research / In-house

Two key projects on Child Contact Centres are due for publication. The first examines the expectations and experiences of contact centres among users and referrers. The second presents the findings of two surveys of Scottish Child Contact Centre stakeholders. A research findings drawing on key results and recommendations from both projects will also be published.

Review of Evidence: Developing Legal Information and Advice Provision in Scotland (forthcoming 2003)

Blake Stevenson with OPM

This review examines the evidence base on developing community legal services. It covers a range of topics including: outreach services, referral to and between providers, IT delivery, quality assurance schemes, the role of non-lawyers in the provision of legal advice and information, and contracting arrangements for community legal services in England and Wales.

Criminal Justice

Ongoing Work

Impact of Aspects of the Law of Evidence in Sex Offence Trials – Baseline Study

Contractor: Prof M Burman, Prof L Jamieson & J Nicholson

Due Date: July 2004

Contact: Linda Hutton [0131 244 3990]

A gathering of pre-November 2002 baseline data on the use of evidence in sex offence trials, to use as a benchmark by which to assess the impact of the Sexual Offences (Procedure and Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2002.

Vulnerable and Intimidated Witnesses

Contractor: In-house

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Linda Hutton [0131 244 3990]

A small-scale baseline study of applications made in Court for special provisions for vulnerable and intimidated witnesses.

Evaluation of the Fife Drug Court Pilot

Contractor: Social Work Research Centre, Stirling University

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Linda Hutton [0131 244 3990]

An evaluation of the first 6 months' operation of the pilot Drug Court in Fife.

Evaluation of the Impact of Leisure Interventions on Drug Use and Offending

Contractor: System Three

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Joe Curran [0131 244 2118]

The study will assess the impact of four diversion projects on drug taking and offending among young people aged 11-25. The projects, announced by the Deputy Minister for Justice in Nov 1999, will use sport and leisure activities to target known young offenders or those believed to be in a high-risk group.

Evaluation of the Communities That Care Initiative in Scotland

Contractor: Jon Bannister, Glasgow University

Due Date: June 2003

Contact: Kerry Morgan [0131 244 4253]

Evaluation of the implementation and long term impact of 3 pilot Communities that Care schemes in Scotland. Draft final report received.

Publications

Vulnerable and Intimidated Witnesses: Review of Provisions In Other Jurisdictions (2002)

Reid Howie Associates

Review of literature to explore how vulnerable witnesses are defined in other jurisdictions and the range and effectiveness of provisions to help them give evidence in criminal courts.

Stalking and Harassment in Scotland (2002)

Morris S, Robert Gordon University, Anderson S and Murray L, System Three

This study describes and critically examines the existing criminal and civil law remedies available to deal with stalking and harassment, assesses the ways in which existing legal arrangements are working in practice and examines the nature and prevalence of the types of behaviour which might constitute stalking and harassment in Scotland.

Research Reviews on Recidivism and Risk Assessment of Serious Violent and Sexual Offenders (2002)

Mclvor G, Stirling University and Kemshall, H De Montfort University

Follows up Millan and Maclean Reports. Reviews research on recidivism of serious violent and sexual offenders in Scotland and considers policy implications. Risk assessment in the Scottish context is also being reviewed including an audit of instruments in use.

Racist Crime and Victimisation in Scotland (2002)

Clark I and Moody S

The study explores understanding of racist crime and how it is handled. It includes monitoring the effects of the provisions of the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, conducting an analysis of the Scottish Crime Survey (2000) ethnic minority booster sample and developing more finely tuned methods for exploring the reality of racial prejudice, crime and harassment.

Criminal Justice

Young People and Crime in Scotland: Results from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey (2002)

MVA

Results from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey regarding young people's attitudes towards crime, victimisation, contact with the police and self-reported drug use/offending.

The 2000 Scottish Crime Survey: Analysis of the Ethnic Minority Booster Sample (2002)

Clark I and Leven T

Results from the 2000 Scottish Crime Survey relating to the ethnic minority booster sample. Chapters include crime against ethnic minorities, the impact of crime on victims, concerns about crime, contact with and attitudes towards the police and awareness of drugs.

The Experiences of Black/Minority Ethnic Police Officers, Support Staff, Special Constables & Resigners in Scotland (2002)

Onifade D, INTRA vires

The study investigates and describes the experiences of black and minority ethnic police officers and civilian staff through interviews with a Scottish sample.

Domestic Abuse Against Men in Scotland (2002)

Gadd D, Keele University

This study estimates the prevalence and examines the nature of domestic abuse against men by their partner or ex-partner in Scotland, examines the perceptions of a sample of male victims and the perceptions of service providers, and explores what services are available to men seeking assistance as victims of domestic abuse.

Evaluation of Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (2002)

Social Work Research Centre

An evaluation of the operation and effectiveness of two pilot Drug Treatment and Testing Order schemes in Scotland.

Evaluation of the Zero Tolerance 'Respect' Pilot (2002)

Henderson S, Reid Howie Associates

The study provides an implementation and outcome evaluation of the Zero Tolerance 'Respect' educational package.

Evaluation of the Glasgow Drug Court Pilot (2002)

Eley S, Malloch M, McIvor G, Yates R and Brown A

An evaluation of the first 6 months' operation of the pilot Drug Court in Glasgow.

Education and Young People

Ongoing Work

Evaluation of Phase 1 New Community Schools Pilot

Contractor: Institute of Education, University of London

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Jo MacDonald [0131 244 0906]

The evaluation will cover all aspects of the operation of New Community Schools including education, social work and health.

Minority Ethnic Pupils' Experiences of School in Scotland

Contractor: Rowena Arshad, Centre for Education for Racial Equality in Scotland

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Jo MacDonald [0131 244 0906]

Research to explore minority ethnic pupils' experience of schooling in a range of school settings across Scotland and to identify key factors relating to ethnic diversity which promote or restrict inclusion.

The Costs and Benefits Of Sitter Services

Contractor: The SCRE Centre

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

This project will consider the similarities and differences between a range of sitter services (childcare provided in the home) across Scotland. It will provide a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with the development and delivery of services. The primary focus will be to look at sitter services used by parents to provide care while working, training or studying.

Survey Of The Development And Well-Being Of Children And Adolescents Looked After By Local Authorities In Scotland

Contractor: ONS

Due Date: January 2004

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

This study examines the prevalence of mental health problems of children aged 5-15 who are being looked after by local authorities in Scotland. It focuses primarily on the impact and/or burden of these mental health problems in terms of social impairment and disruption to others.

Evaluation of Secure Care Outcomes

Contractor: Consortium: Glasgow University, Stirling University and Strathclyde University

Due Date: October 2005

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

This study will investigate the effectiveness of secure care in meeting the needs of young people, their families and communities. The study will look at how young people reach secure care, the interventions they receive and the early outcomes after leaving secure care. It will inform decision making about the most effective use of secure accommodation in Scotland.

Evaluation of the Fast-Track Hearings in Scotland

Contractor: Consortium: Glasgow University, Stirling University and Strathclyde University

Due Date: January 2005

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

This project evaluates the setting up, operation and effectiveness of fast-track children's hearings, currently being piloted in three geographical areas of Scotland. It will provide an overview of the cost-effectiveness of fast track hearings and the associated programmes/interventions in delivering successful outcomes compared with conventional hearings.

Measurement of the Extent of Youth Crime in Scotland

Contractor: DTZ Pidea Consultancy

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

Research attempting to provide a clear understanding of the extent of youth crime and the fear of youth crime in Scotland. It will provide an accurate picture of the crimes committed by juvenile criminals and the numbers involved, and estimate the fear of youth crime.

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Evaluation of Early Years Policies in Scotland

Contractor: Centre for Research on Families and Relationships (CRFR) and National Centre for Social Research Scotland

Due Date: Dec 2003

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [0131 244 2652]

This study is a staged evaluation of the effectiveness of early years policies in Scotland in achieving their key objectives of bringing about beneficial changes in the lives of young children, their families and communities. The study will establish a baseline for future long term monitoring of early years policy in Scotland.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Parents' Access/Demand To Pre-School Childcare

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [0131 244 2652]

This study will build on earlier work undertaken in England (Parents' Demand for Childcare, 2001) and will use as a baseline the results from the Parents' Demand for Childcare in Scotland 2000 survey. The proposed study will address information gaps such as the use of and access to childcare by ethnic minority groups, lone parents, students, and parents living in disadvantaged areas.

Evaluation of National Roll-Out of New Community Schools

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: contract to be let September 2003

Contact: Barry Stalker [0131 244 0740]

A national outcome evaluation focusing on the impact of the programme up to 2007.

Impact of Mainstreaming

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: to be commissioned autumn 2003

Contact: Barry Stalker [0131 244 0740]

This research will explore the impact of the policy of mainstreaming pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN). This will include an examination of the ways in which education authorities provide for pupils with SEN in mainstream schools and the ways in which they have implemented the mainstreaming requirements, outlined in Section 15 of the Standards in Scotland's Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 2000.

Initiatives to Address Gender Inequalities in Attainment

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: unspecified

Contact: Jo MacDonald [0131 244 0906]

The proposed study will focus on good practice and the effectiveness of intervention methods introduced by Education Authorities and schools to address gender inequalities in attainment.

Publications

Evaluation of the Community Alternative Placement Scheme (CAPS) (2002)

Prof M Hill, Glasgow University

Evaluation of the implementation of a fostering scheme designed to provide a community alternative to secure accommodation.

The Role of Safeguarders in Scotland (2002)

Hill M et al

Evaluation of the use, role and impact of safeguarders in children's hearings and court cases involving children.

Sure Start Scotland Mapping Exercise (2002)

Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, Edinburgh University

This study explores the availability of data on the range and characteristics of services that meet the objectives of the SSS initiative, to inform the design of the Phase 2 Evaluation.

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Study of Throughcare & Aftercare Services in Scotland (2002)

Dixon J and Stein M

Study examining effectiveness of local authorities in supporting young people who have been looked after as they move towards independence.

Early Education and Childcare Workforce Survey (2002)

MVA

Survey of characteristics, training and qualifications of early education and childcare workforce.

Uptake and Perceptions of Early Years Qualifications and Training (2002)

George Street Research

Study of the perceived advantages and disadvantages of different types of early years qualifications and exploration of the factors that encourage and prohibit early years workers from undertaking training and qualifications.

Home Supervision (2003)

Hallett C, Murray C, McMillan M and Watson J

This study examines the processes and outcomes of home supervision as part of a programme of research on the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. The study is intended to complement the research programme that has been completed on Children's Hearings.

Evaluation of MATRIX (2002)

Prof G. McIvor, Social Work Research Centre

Evaluation of a 3 year early intervention pilot project – part of the Invest to Save initiative.

Resilience Factors (2002)

Newman T and Blackburn S, Barnardos

This literature review identifies evidence to support the concept that children who are encouraged and helped to develop resilience are better equipped to resist stress and adversity, cope with change and uncertainty, and to recover faster and more completely from traumatic events or episodes. Further practical application of the concept to refine the concept is recommended by the researchers.

National Evaluation of the New Community Schools Pilot Programme: Interim Findings (2002)

Sammons P et al (Institute of Education)

Some key interim analyses from the first two years of the evaluation.

Modern Languages in Special Schools (2002)

McColl H

This research explores the extent to which modern languages feature in the learning programmes of pupils who attend special schools or units, or who spend a significant amount of their week in a mainstream base, unit or resourced location.

Assessment Of Benefits And Costs Of Out Of School Care (2003)

Blake Stevenson

This study assessed the impact and benefits of Scottish Out of School Care (OSC) for children, parents and the wider community in relation to the costs of provision.

Effective Interventions: drug misuse

Ongoing Work

Examining the Injecting Preparation Practices of Intravenous Drug Users

Contractor: Paisley University

Due Date: November 2003

Contact: Nick Bland [0131 244 2107]

This study will examine the injecting practices of a sample of drug users with specific reference to those which could potentially facilitate the transmission of Hepatitis C and other bloodborne viruses.

Prison Transitional Care Evaluation

Contractor: Stirling University and NFO System Three Social Research

Due Date: August 2004

Contact: Nick Bland [0131 244 2107]

The evaluation of the prison transitional care arrangements in Scotland began in May 2002. The transitional care arrangements are designed to assist the Scottish Prison Service to meet one of the key objectives in the SPS Drugs Strategy: to increase the proportion of identified drug misusers taking part in successful transitional care after release from prison. The study combines a quantitative cohort component with a series of qualitative case studies.

Evaluation of Lloyds TSB Partnership Drugs Initiative

Contractor: Glasgow University, Strathclyde University and NCSR

Due Date: August 2005

Contact: Nick Bland [0131 244 2107]

This study has been commissioned to evaluate a number of projects funded by Lloyds TSB Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) to tackle the problems of drug misuse in children and young people. The evaluation will aim to identify lessons from PDI projects about effective approaches to improving outcomes for young people affected by drug misuse.

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

Ongoing Work

National Evaluation of Inclusiveness Projects and All-Age Guidance Initiative

Contractor: Segal Quince Wickstead

Due Date: June 2004

Contact: Kesi Mahendran [0141 242 5454]

This study provides a detailed evaluation of these important initiatives aimed at assisting people to enter appropriate education, training or employment.

Public Internet Access Points Initiative Evaluation

Contractor: Hall Aitken Associates

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Ian Binnie [0141 242 5463]

The overall aim of the research is to assess the extent to which the Public Internet Access Points (PIAP) initiative meets its objectives and contributes to the broader 'digital inclusion' objectives of the Executive. The primary aim of the evaluation is to determine how effective PIAPs have been in increasing public access to the internet, benefits to the individual and the community will also be examined. The methodology includes mystery shopping, interviewer visits, surveys of hosts and users, and street surveys in PIAP localities.

Low Attainers and Entry into the Labour Market

Contractor: Dr Linda Croxford, Centre for Educational Sociology, University of Edinburgh

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Vivian Leacock [0141 242 0260]

The study will provide further analysis of the careers of young people leaving school with low levels of attainment, using data from the Scottish School Leavers Survey (SSLS).

Modern Apprenticeships: Completion Rates

Contractor: Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning, Glasgow Caledonian University

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Louise Lane [0141 242 0262]

This research will look closely at wide-ranging reasons why a significant number of young people do not complete the Modern Apprenticeship qualification, and how the scheme can be improved to attract and keep high numbers of apprentices until completion of the training.

Evaluation of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Pilots in Scotland (Phase 2)

Contractor: Croxford L, Howieson C, Provan F and Ozga, J: CES, Edinburgh University

Due Date: July 2004

Contact: Vivian Leacock [0141 242 0261]

Phase 2 of the evaluation aims to examine the impact of EMAs on participation and attainment in post 16 education especially amongst young people from low income families. The pilot areas include East Ayrshire, Dundee, Glasgow and West Dunbartonshire.

Motivations to Learn

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Vivian Leacock [0141 242 0261]

As part of the Executive's commitment in its Lifelong Learning Strategy (February 2003) to develop its evidence base on motivations to learn and barriers to participation, this paper aims to explore the various factors determining individuals' participation in learning.

Evaluation of Digital Learning Communities Initiative

Contractor: DTZ Pidea and NFO System Three

Due Date: August 2003

Contact: Ian Binnie [0141 242 5463]

The Digital Communities initiative is one of four components of the Scottish Executive's Digital Inclusion Strategy. It is intended to tackle digital inclusion by creating 'digital communities' in two deprived areas in Scotland, selected after a competition between local authorities. The evaluation will be concerned with the process of implementation and delivery, with the outcomes obtained, and with the sustainability of any change produced.

National Evaluation of the Supporting Young People into Employment Initiative

Contractor: Segal Quince Wickstead

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Kesi Mahendran [0141 242 5454]

This study is evaluating small-scale supported employment projects and the potential for this model to be used with the inclusiveness project client groups.

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

Publications

Evaluation of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Pilot in Scotland (2002)

Croxford L, Howieson C, Ianelli C and Ozga J

Presents the findings from an evaluation of the pilot of Education Maintenance Allowances in Scotland in East Ayrshire. The main aim of the evaluation was to assess the extent to which EMA payments improve post-16 participation, retention and attainment rates, especially among young people from low income families.

Evaluation of the Scottish Union Learning Fund Year One (2000-2001) (2003)

Armistead C and Shaw N (York Consulting Limited)

An evaluative piece looking at the first round of the trade union 'learning' projects funded by the SULF. It considered the inputs, outputs, and likely future outputs and impact of the various projects which encouraged work based learning.

Youth Transitions: Patterns of Vulnerability and Processes of Social Inclusion (forthcoming 2003)

Prof. A Furlong, Glasgow University

Cross-cutting research between Enterprise and Lifelong Learning and Social Inclusion research branches and Scottish Enterprise which combines quantitative and qualitative analysis of the Twenty-07 longitudinal dataset to investigate the transitional experiences of young people and the factors associated with vulnerability and social inclusion.

Health and Community Care

Ongoing Work

Evaluation of the Scottish Pilot of the Family Health Nurse

Contractor: Dr B West and C McDuff, Robert Gordon University

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131 244 5429]

Study of the implementation and impact of the Family Health Nurse approach to providing family and community focused primary health care nursing services.

Prevalence Of, and Services For, People With Learning Disabilities and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Prisons and Secure Accommodation

Contractor: Fiona Myers, Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3533]

Research into the number of people in prison, secure accommodation and the State Hospital in Scotland who have a learning disability and/or autistic spectrum disorder (ASD), the means by which people with learning disabilities and ASD are identified, and how their needs are identified and met by service providers. The perceptions of those with learning disabilities and/or ASD in these settings (and the perceptions of their families) will also be explored.

Analysis of Scottish Household Survey Data Relating to Older People

Contractor: Gillian Raab, Napier University, and Charlotte MacDonald

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3533]

An analysis of the last 4 years of Scottish Household Survey (SHS) data relating to older people, describing the characteristics of older people and their households, their circumstances and factors which affect their quality of life. The analysis will also incorporate other survey and literature review data, and data from the SHS Travel Diary.

Research Review on Community Care Services Received by Older People

Contractor: Charlotte MacDonald

Due Date: October 2003

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3533]

A comprehensive review of the research literature on the range, quality and user perspectives of community care services which older people in Scotland currently receive. The review will also explore national and international examples of good practice in this field.

Mental Health Law Research Programme

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

Health and Community Care Research Branch is establishing a dedicated programme of research into the operation of mental health law in Scotland. In particular, the programme aims to support the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, and to evaluate its operation and impact. A three-month consultation on the research programme has been carried out, following publication of a consultation paper in March 2003. Analysis of responses to the consultation will be published in September, with a complete research programme published in October or November.

Mental Health Officer Services: Structures and Supports

Contractor: Dr Allyson McCollam, Scottish

Due Date: September 2003

Development Centre for Mental Health

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

Aims to investigate models of mental health officer service provision which have evolved across Scotland in recent years. Also examines the structures and supports set in place by local authorities to meet the increasing demands placed on mental health officer services by the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000, and early preparations for the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Health and Community Care

Analysis of the Written Evidence Received in Response to a Consultation Exercise: Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 – Review of Code of Practice for Part 5

*Heather Wilkinson, Fran Wasoff and Anne Mason,
Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
Due Date: October 2003*

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

Analysis of written evidence received in response to a process of consultation as part of a review of the part of the Act relating to medical treatment and research.

Review of the Implementation of Part 5 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000: a Qualitative Study of Implementation and Early Operation

*Heather Wilkinson, Fran Wasoff and Anne Mason,
Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
Due Date: December 2003*

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

Research to gather the experiences of key stakeholders (users and carers, those with statutory responsibility and those with operational responsibility) of the implementation and early operation of Part 5 of the Act.

Forthcoming research

A new **Mental Health Research** programme is being developed to support the Executive's National Programme to Improve Mental Health and Well-Being. Early work will include:

- 1) Commissioning independent evaluations of the National Strategy and Action Plan to prevent suicide in Scotland; the *See Me* national anti-stigma campaign and the *Breathing Space* telephone helpline
 - 2) Reviews of the evidence base on research related to suicide (nationally and internationally)
 - 3) Commissioning a second national survey of public attitudes to a range of mental health issues
 - 4) Drafting a programme of research to focus on recovery from mental health problems, prevention and promotion of mental health and well-being.
- For further details contact *Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]*

Research on evaluating the effectiveness of the extension of nurse prescribing (Health Department)

For further details contact *Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3533]*

The **Community Care Research Programme** includes:

- 1) A project to develop reliable methods for measuring user and carer satisfaction with single shared assessment and its outcomes
 - 2) Mapping exercise looking at the support for employment available for people with learning disabilities and/or autistic spectrum disorder
 - 3) Evaluation of the Resource Use Measure (RUM) operation, use and impact
 - 4) Research on the needs of younger disabled people, including education, training, transport and work as well as long-term care needs.
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Publications

Direct what? – A Study of Direct Payments to Mental Health Service Users (2002)

Ridley J and Jones L, Scottish Health Feedback
Study to identify the factors that inhibit the provision of direct payments to people with mental health problems and to explore ways in which their provision can be facilitated.

Review of Care Management in Scotland (2002)

Stalker K and Campbell I, University of Stirling
This study was commissioned to review the use of the care management approach in local authorities across Scotland. The study looked at the way in which local authorities defined care management and how they used it to sustain people requiring care at home.

Health and Community Care

How does the Community Care? Public Attitudes to Community Care in Scotland (2002)

Lisa Curtice, Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability, and Alison Petch, Nuffield Centre for Community Care Studies

As part of the 2001 Scottish Social Attitudes Survey, the Scottish Executive funded a module of 40 questions on the attitudes of people in Scotland to a range of community care issues.

Well? What do you think? A National Scottish Survey of Public Attitudes to Mental Health, Well Being and Mental Health Problems (2002)

Richard Glendinning, Tim Buchanan and Nickie Rose (NOP Social and Political) with Angela Hallam

The survey investigated people's understanding of mental health and well being, sources of information about mental health issues, experience and perceptions of mental health problems, and attitudes towards mental health problems and the people who experience them.

'Don't they call it seamless care?': A study of acute psychiatric discharge (2002)

Lucy Simons, Alison Petch and Richard Caplan

This study explores the experience of acute discharge for 173 individuals who had spent between a week and six months as a psychiatric in-patient. The experience of service users and informal carers was located within a broader context through interviews with key informants from wards, Trusts, Health Boards and Local Authorities.

National Framework for the Prevention of Suicide and Deliberate Self-harm in Scotland: Analysis of Written Submissions to Consultation (2002)

Ridley J, Scottish Health Feedback

This research analysed written responses to a consultation on the draft National Framework for the Prevention of Suicide and Deliberate Self-harm carried out by the Scottish Executive's Health Department between October 2001 and February 2002. The purpose of the analysis was to ensure the viewpoints and insights offered by the 140 consultation respondents could be taken into account in the future development of the Framework, and that any remaining gaps could be addressed.

Housing and Regeneration

Ongoing Work

Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Health

Contractor: University of Edinburgh with NFO System Three

Due Date: 2005

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Research to identify and quantify the impact of the Central Heating and Warm Deal programmes on recipients' health.

Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Fuel Poverty

Contractor: Alembic Research

Due Date: 2004

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Research to measure the extent to which the beneficiaries of the Programme are removed from fuel poverty and its effects or have their degree of fuel poverty reduced. First annual report due late Summer 2003.

Assessing the Development and Implementation of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund

Contractor: DTZ Pineda Consulting

Due Date: 2004

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

To monitor and assess the development of BNSF at a programme level, to explain processes underpinning the development and implementation of the BNSF, and to identify and share innovations and good practice. Short reports on monitoring and evaluation and local outcome agreements due late Summer 2003.

Lead Tenancies

Contractor: University of York

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Brad Gilbert [0131 244 7246]

To examine the potential of lead tenancies in improving access to the private rented sector.

Review of RSI Prison Projects

Contractor: Reid-Howie Associates

Due Date: August 2003

Contact: Richard Evans [0131 244 7625]

To evaluate the projects for prisoners and ex-offenders that have been funded under the Rough Sleepers Initiative.

Minority Ethnic People and Homelessness in Scotland

Contractor: Heriot Watt University

Due Date: December 2003

Contact: Celia McKenna [0131 244 7558]

See entry in Social Justice Section

Evaluation of People's Juries and People's Panels in Social Inclusion Partnerships

Contractor: RDS Consultancy Services in association with Craigforth and Clarity

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Nuala Gormley [0131 244 3786]

To evaluate the extent to which People's Panels and People's Juries in SIPs fulfilled their objectives.

Housing and Regeneration

Forthcoming Research Studies

Projects likely to be commissioned shortly include:

Right to Buy Sales and Resales

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Examination of the local housing market impacts of RTB sales and resales including the effect of such sales on access to affordable housing, community stability and stock condition.

Final Evaluation of the Rough Sleeper's Initiative

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Final evaluation of the RSI to assess the effectiveness of the initiative as a whole, the impact of different categories of RSI activity and how well RSI services are being integrated into the delivery of local authority homelessness strategies.

Support needs among homeless households

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Research to map and quantify the support needs of homeless single people and families.

Details of the Housing, Homelessness and Area Regeneration research programme for 2003-2004 are published as part of the Development Department Research Programme available on the Scottish Executive Social Research website at www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch.

For further details contact:

Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Publications

Tracking Homelessness: Feasibility Study for Longitudinal Research (2003)

National Centre for Social Research

Examines the feasibility of conducting longitudinal research with homeless people.

Evaluation of the Working for Communities Programme (2003)

DTZ Pineda Consulting

Evaluation of the extent to which the Working for Communities programme as a whole met its objectives.

Determined Differences: Rent Structures in Scottish Social Housing (2003)

Department of Urban Studies, University of Glasgow

Provides an evidence base on rent setting policy and practice among social landlords in Scotland. The research identifies the effect of rent policies and other factors in determining rent differentials within and across areas.

Gypsies/Travellers in Scotland: the January 2003 twice-yearly count (forthcoming 2003)

Research Consultancy Services

The third in a series of short reports on the twice-yearly counts of Gypsies/Travellers.

Mediation and Neighbour Disputes (forthcoming late Summer 2003)

University of Stirling

Compares the effectiveness and costs of mediation and alternative responses in cases of disputes between neighbours.

Guidance on Rent Guarantee/Deposit Schemes (forthcoming late Summer 2003)

University of York

Provides guidance, based on research evidence, on types of rent guarantee/deposit schemes that would be effective in enabling young people and others of limited means to obtain access to private rented housing.

Local Government

Ongoing Work

Evaluation of Best Value

Contact: Irene Coll [0131 244 7109]

Initial scoping study to address the need for evidence with which to judge the improvements being made to Local Government services and culture as a result of the statutory duty of Best Value.

Grant Distribution – 2001 Census Updates

Contact: Gillian Lancaster [0131 244 0376]

In preparation of the forthcoming 3 year settlement calculation for 2005-08, a number of Census based indicators, including measures for 'deprivation' and 'children subject to family stress', require to be updated.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Survey of Candidates in 2003 Local Government Elections

Supporting proposals within the Local Governance White Paper 2003, this survey will look at the profile and backgrounds of Scottish Council candidates. Will be followed up with a survey of Councillors to support the development of a remuneration package for Councillors.

Publications

Understanding Community Planning at the Community Planning Partnership Level (2002)

Stevenson R, RDS Consultancy Services

Case study research to reveal understanding and commitment to Community Planning, how effectively it is being progressed, future hopes and perception of partnership priorities.

Capacity Building for Community Planning (2002)

Eglington

The Community Planning Task Force (CPTF) Scotland commissioned this study in 2002 to research the capacity building requirements of Community Planning, with reference to the training and development needs of staff directly concerned with developing and progressing Community Planning. The study was expected to indicate what sort of training and other development work needs to be done to progress Community Planning.

Rural Affairs

Ongoing work

Innovative Ways of Delivering Services in Rural Scotland: A Good Practice Guide

Contractor: Jon Pickering

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Sharon Reid [0131 244 6500]

The aim of the study is to help service providers, local communities and voluntary groups, through the use of real case studies, to think about new ways of delivering services to rural and remote areas in Scotland. The study looks at a number of themes, including sharing premises/staff, mobile facilities and the use of new technology, in addition to looking at projects that are community run. The study highlights that there is no one solution, rather it serves to provide examples of others' successful approaches.

Publications

Researching Women in Rural Scotland (2002)

Samuel E (editor)

This report describes the proceedings of a conference organised by the Scottish Executive and held in Inverness on 1 June 2001. The conference was organised to promote research on women and gender issues in rural Scotland and was part of a wider consultation exercise undertaken by the Scottish Executive Equality Unit with community and equality groups to identify their needs, interests and concerns.

Social Inclusion in Rural Areas: Innovative Projects for Young People (2002)

Bain E

The study was carried out following the publication of the 'Poverty and Social Exclusion in Rural Scotland' and 'Services in Rural Scotland' by the Scottish Executive. These reports raised a number of issues relating to social exclusion and young people in rural communities, and this study was carried out as a preliminary review of rural youth projects. Specifically the study sought to gather information on innovative community and policy responses to problems faced by young people living in rural areas.

Review of International Best Practice in Service Delivery to Remote and Rural Areas (2002)

Rennie F W, Greller W and Mckay M

The study reviewed international examples of good practice in service provision to remote and rural areas. The review examined best practice case studies from Europe, North America and Australia, and described a number of examples of best practice that may be transferable to remote and rural areas of Scotland. The research showed that best practice case studies demonstrated an early commitment to the use of community survey techniques, local consultation, and an open involvement in the planning process for the design and implementation of service delivery. The study concludes that Scotland is ahead of many comparable countries in the innovative development of rural services.

Availability of Services in Rural Scotland (2002)

Both the 'Services in Rural Scotland' and 'Poverty and Social Exclusion in Rural Scotland' reports pointed to the need for service providers to consult with local communities about the appropriate level and method of service provision. To build a better picture of the availability of services in rural Scotland, this report utilised new ways of measuring current service provision by using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. The report includes illustrative maps for 20 key services known to be important to rural communities, to illustrate their geographic distribution across Scotland.

Scoping Study on Older People in Rural Scotland (2003)

Philip L. et al.

The study builds on the analysis of older people from the Scottish Household Survey, and investigates the experience of older people in rural areas, both in Scotland and in Nordic countries, and assesses their contribution to rural communities in Scotland. It identifies examples of innovative practices as well as information gaps to be addressed by future work.

Transport and Planning

Ongoing Work

Monitoring National Minimum Concessionary Fares

Contractor: Colin Buchanan & Partners

Due Date: 2003/2004

Contact: David Seaman [0131 244 7372]

To establish current and future patterns of concession use, before and after the introduction of a national minimum in October 2002. This study will provide behavioural information as well as data on the extent of use.

Children's Attitudes to Sustainable Transport

Contractor: Derek Halden Consultancy

Due Date: September 2003

Contact: Susan Lilley [0131 244 0285]

To review current education provision on the role transport plays in the environment and how children's attitudes and subsequent travel behaviour are shaped from a young age.

Evaluation of Child Pedestrian Training Pilot Projects

Contractor: Babtie Group Ltd

Due Date: 2006

Contact: Janet Ruiz [0131 244 0377]

To evaluate the process of setting up and maintaining child pedestrian schemes in 12 local authorities in Scotland, including the effectiveness of the training on casualty reduction and impact on schools, communities and volunteers.

Good Practice in Developing an Inter-Agency Approach to Road Safety

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Janet Ruiz [0131 244 0377]

To carry out a review of good practice in community regeneration projects where linkages between agencies are strong and integrated; and to develop guidelines on incorporating community safety, including road safety, within a community regeneration project.

Transport Provision for Disabled People in Scotland: A Progress Report

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: March 2004

Contact: Janet Ruiz [0131 244 0377]

To establish where improvements have or have not been made to transport provision in Scotland since 1998, allowing the Scottish Executive and the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland to see where investment in improving provision has been effective.

Publications

Bus Passenger Satisfaction Survey (2003)

Colin Buchanan & Partners

Results of the first two surveys carried out in May and November 2002 to establish levels of satisfaction by bus users in regard to many elements of bus travel.

Scottish Household Survey

The **Scottish Household Survey** is a major survey of the Scottish population, designed to provide representative information on the characteristics, composition and behaviour of Scottish households and the adult population, both nationally and at a more local level.

A new contract has been awarded to MORI Scotland and NFO Social Research to continue running the survey for the next four years. Questionnaire content is reviewed each year; a new questionnaire was introduced in April 2003.

Publications

The latest Scottish Household Survey annual report, Scotland's People: Results from the 2001/2002 Scottish Household Survey (Volume 7: Annual Report), and accompanying technical report, Scotland's People: Results of the 2001/2002 Scottish Household Survey (Volume 8: Technical Report), were published in August 2003 and can be accessed via the [SHS website](#).

The Annual Report covers a wide range of topics to allow links to be made between different policy areas, including many relevant to social inclusion; for example disability, housing, involvement in community and access to services. It includes analysis by age and gender.

Hard copies are available from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 71 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH3 9AZ. (tel: 0870 606 55 66 or view their website at www.tsonline.co.uk)

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Central Statistics Unit

The Scottish Executive's Central Statistics Unit carries out analysis and produces publications relating to social inclusion and equalities.

Ongoing work

Measuring Deprivation in Scotland: Developing a Long-term Strategy

Contractor: Scottish Centre for Research on Social Justice

Due Date: Summer 2003

Contact: Ailie Clarkson [0131 244 0566]

Project to make recommendations for developing a long-term strategy for measuring deprivation in Scotland. Considers the definition and conceptual basis for measuring deprivation, how the term relates to others such as poverty, social exclusion, social inclusion or social justice, how area-based measures of deprivation might be developed, building on the 2003 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, and explores approaches to measuring deprivation for particular social groups (such as children, young people or the elderly). An interim report designed to stimulate wider discussion of these issues and feedback as part of the research process was released in May 2003.

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (www.sns.gov.uk) provides a range of information relevant to social justice and area regeneration issues.

Publications

Social Focus on Urban Rural Scotland 2003

This Statistics Publication includes analysis of similarities and differences between urban and rural areas in population and housing, education, health and care, neighbourhoods, transport, the labour market, and income and financial services.

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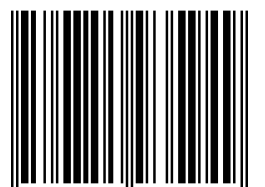
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