

## Social Inclusion

The Scottish Executive's **Social Inclusion** and **Equality Strategies** set out the Executive's 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 and Communities Scotland 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 and Communities Scotland 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

### **Money Advice Projects for Vulnerable Groups - Consultancy & Evaluation**

*Contractor: SPIU with MAS*

*Due: Summer 2007*

*Contact: Frauke Sinclair [0131 244 7568]*

Research to provide consultancy support and to monitor and evaluate the MA projects individually and collectively, in order to inform future initiatives meeting the needs of the target groups and to provide mainstream advice providers with information which will allow them to understand the issues which affect these client groups.

### **Working for Families Evaluation**

*Contractor: ERI*

*Due: 2007*

*Contact: Julieanne Murphy [0131 244 7371]*

Research to monitor and evaluate the Working for Families fund which started in April 2004. To assess the impact of the overall funding; to answer what is effective, for whom, in what circumstances and why; and to show, through cost benefit analysis, the trade offs between such benefits and the economic resources used.

### **Closing the Opportunity Gap Scoping Study**

*Contractor: CESI (Inclusion) and Scottish Poverty Information Unit*

*Due: Dec 2005*

*Contact: Julieanne Murphy [0131 2447371]*

In tackling poverty and disadvantage in Scotland and building on the Social Justice Milestones, the Scottish Executive's Closing the Opportunity Gap (CtOG) approach focuses on a number of key policy areas: employability, educational attainment, health improvement, community regeneration, service development in rural areas and financial inclusion. CtOG comprises 6 overarching objectives and 10 targets, announced in July and December 2004 (respectively). In addition to Closing the Opportunity Gap (CtOG) target monitoring, this separate scoping study aims to provide options to help synthesise and assess the impact of CtOG as a whole.

### **Lone Parents in Further Education Colleges**

*Contractor: Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning, Glasgow University; Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning (CRL), Glasgow Caledonian University.*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Julieanne Murphy [0131 2447371]*

Research to identify good practice within Further Education colleges in terms of recruiting and retaining lone parent students.

### **Translating, Interpreting and Communication Support: a review of provision in public services in Scotland**

*Contractor: Heriot Watt University*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Catherine Bisset [0131 244 0427]*

This study aims to provide policy makers with a picture of TICS services currently available, while also opening up consideration of the actions that are required to help develop provision of future services. It will include an audit of services, surveys of TICS providers and public bodies and case studies to gather more detailed information.

### **Faith Communities and Local Government in Glasgow**

*Contractor: Centre for Theology and Public Issues*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Louise McAspurren [0131 244 7571]*

This research looks to identify key issues for inter faith work, consultation, and community development work in the Glasgow city area. It will act as a baseline study for the establishment of an inter faith officer post.

### **The Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children**

*In-house*

*Due: November 2005*

*Contact: Louise McAspurren [0131 244 7571]*

This literature review will evaluate existing research on how domestic abuse impacts on children. The review will also provide an insight into coping strategies employed by children, the role and nature of resilience and will critically evaluate 'cycle of violence' theory.

# Social Justice

## Future Vision of the Voluntary Sector

*In-house*

*Due: November 2005*

*Contact: Jonathan Wright (0131 244 7558)*

Survey and interviews will be conducted with key Executive staff on the direction of policy making and how this will impact on the future role of the sector in helping to support policy formulation and delivery.

## **A stock take of Local Authority Policy and Practice in relation to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people Contractor: ODS**

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Catherine Bisset [0131 244 0427]*

The research will provide local and national policy makers with baseline evidence of activity at local authority level. Practical guidance will be produced to assist the development and monitoring of future policy and practice. This stock take will focus on employment; policy and planning; service provision and support mechanisms.

## **Local Compacts Research**

*Contractor: Reid-Howie Associates*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Jonathan Wright (0131 244 7558)*

Research into local compacts between public bodies and the voluntary sector in Scotland. The research will identify the extent to which local compacts have been developed and implemented and will identify good practice to support local compact development and implementation across Scotland.

## **Forthcoming Research Studies**

### **Multiple and Complex Needs**

*Contractor: Not yet appointed*

*Louise McAspurren [0131 244 7571]*

This research will provide an insight into people who experience multiple and complex needs and discuss how service provision can best respond to multiple and complex problems.

Further forthcoming research projects including invitations of Expressions of Interest will be announced on the Scottish Executive Social Research website at: [www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch).

## **Publications**

### **Ethnic Identity Research (2005)**

*BMRB, CERES, Inverness College*

Initial research to inform the Executive's planned consultation work on ethnic identity classification. The study involves discussion with community groups & representative organisations as well as interviews and focus groups with data providers and data users. The research will explore how individuals would wish to classify their ethnic identity as well as looking at the need for information on ethnic identity amongst data users.

[For report click here](#)

### **Investigation of Access to Public Services in Scotland Using British Sign Language (2005)**

*Deaf Studies Trust*

Research with users of British Sign Language to explore their experiences of accessing public services and to identify good practice and suggestions for improvement.

[For report click here](#)

### **Review of Race Equality Work (2005)**

*Reid Howie Associates, BEMIS and In-house*

This review encompasses a range of evidence gathering which seeks to map current race equality work and consult on key issues surrounding the current and future role of race equality.

### **Minority Ethnic Enterprise: A Scoping Study (2005)**

*Paisley Enterprise Research Centre, University of Paisley*

A scoping study designed to provide baseline data about the extent of minority ethnic enterprises across Scotland and to obtain more detailed information about their access to and experience of business services and products

[For report click here](#)

# 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: 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 Cognition, Education & Adult Health: Associations, Mechanisms & Mitigating Influences**

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

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*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: 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: 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: to be confirmed*

*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 final reports of completed studies, see the CSO website ([www.show.scot.nhs.uk/cso](http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk/cso)). The full reports are available from the authors.

# Civic Participation

## Publications

### **Civic Participation in Public Policy-Making: A Literature Review (2005)**

*Linda Nicholson (The Research Shop)*

Literature review of civic participation activity in public policy-making across different national jurisdictions drawing out issues relevant to the Scottish context. Part of a wider study on Scottish Executive civic participation activity.

[For full report click here](#)

### **Civic Participation Activity in the Scottish Executive (2005)**

*Linda Nicholson (The Research Shop)*

An exercise mapping participation activity undertaken by the Scottish Executive contributing to specific policy initiatives. Results are reported from a survey of all civic participation activity undertaken by core departments in 2004.

[For full report click here](#)

### **Public attitudes to participation (2005)**

*Steven Hope and Susan King (MORI)*

Small scale survey gathering information on public attitudes to, and experiences of, civic participation. The questions measured the respondents' knowledge and involvement with various levels of government; contact with, and participation in, government; attitudes towards consultation and participation; factors that might promote involvement and awareness of various consultation and information mechanisms.

[For full report click here](#)

### Ongoing Work

#### **Evaluation of the Debt Arrangement Scheme**

*Contractors: GEN Consulting*

*Due: Spring 2006*

*Contact Anne-Marie Leslie (0131 244 2983)*

The Debt Arrangement Scheme in Scotland has been introduced to offer a positive opportunity and means for managed repayment of multiple personal debts, with protection against enforcement action and sequestration. A pilot stage of the evaluation is underway and will report in early 2006.

#### **Strategic Review of Legal Aid: Consultation**

*Contractors: to be confirmed*

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Debbie Headrick (0131 244 4389)*

The findings from the consultation on the Strategic Review of Legal Aid will help inform strategic changes to the ways in which publicly funded legal assistance, of which legal aid forms a part, is delivered in Scotland. Scottish Ministers are seeking views on a number of the recommendations from the Review in order to establish how to ensure that appropriate access to justice on civil and criminal matters will be available for the Scottish people in future and how to address significant strategic issues, such as the rising trends in expenditure on criminal legal aid and the possible unmet need for legal advice and help on civil matters. A contract to analyse the responses to the consultation will be let shortly. The report is due in October 2005.

# Communities Scotland

Communities Scotland is a Scottish Executive agency. Its Research and Evaluation Team is responsible for managing and commissioning research on housing, regeneration and broader community-related issues. Research in Communities Scotland is commissioned and managed centrally within the Knowledge and Intelligence Department and locally from Communities Scotland Area Office Network.

## Ongoing Work

### **Developing Good Practice for Effective Community Engagement and Housing Needs Assessment for Minority Ethnic Communities.**

*Consultant: Andrew Fyffe, ODS Consultants Glasgow  
Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Sandra Grief {01698 392120}*

This research aims to develop a good practice guide/checklist for identifying the housing needs across all tenures and related services of Minority Ethnic communities tailored specifically to the Scottish context and can then be applied locally. The research also aims to evaluate and make recommendations for effective consultation and meaningful engagement with members of Minority Ethnic communities and how this relates to the National Standards for Engagement.

### **Glasgow Community Banking Study**

*Contractor: Blake Stevenson & CEiS  
Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Susan Hanlin and Kelda Shelton [0141 305 4118/4056]*

This research, jointly commissioned with Glasgow Housing Association and Glasgow City Council reviewed a range of UK service models that provide access to basic bank accounts, financial advice, savings and loan schemes, with a view to creating a similar service in Glasgow that will help tackle financial exclusion. The initial piece of research has identified the key success factors of similar services and has concluded that it should be possible to establish a community banking initiative in Glasgow. A secondary piece of work is being taken forward to analyse four potential options and select a preferred community banking model. Some investigatory work is also being carried out into the nature of doorstep lending in Glasgow. The research is due to complete in October 2005.

### **Drumchapel Supported Youth Housing Project Evaluation**

*Contractor: Jenny Tate Consultancy & Craigforth  
Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Susan Hanlin [0141 305 4118]*

This is a three year longitudinal evaluation of a supported youth housing project in Drumchapel that aims to maintain tenancies for young people and care leavers, and prevent the occurrence of homelessness. The first annual report was completed in August 2004 and the second annual report is due in October 2005.

## Publications

### **The Housing and Support Needs of older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) People (2005)**

*ODS Ltd*

Study to investigate the housing and support needs of older LGBT people and provide guides for users and providers of these services, so as to improve the awareness and provision of housing and support services. Results will be published as good practice guidance for housing providers and separately as a guide to assist older LGBT people to achieve suitable housing solutions.

Further details about Communities Scotland research reports are available at [CLICK HERE](#)

# Criminal Justice

## Ongoing Work

### **Evaluation of Community Warden Schemes**

*Contractor: GEN Consulting*

*Due: Winter 2006/7*

*Contact: Cara McKee [0131 244 6547]*

An evaluation to inform and improve the implementation of community warden schemes, and to assess the impact of this initiative on the lives of people affected by antisocial behaviour and poor quality environments. Case study areas have been agreed and work will start in these imminently.

# Education – Schools

## Ongoing Work

### **Impact of Mainstreaming**

*Contractor: The SCRE Centre*

*Due: Draft report received August 2005*

*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.

### **Scottish School Leavers' Survey**

*Contractor: Scottish Centre for Social Research*

*Due: March 2007*

*Contact: Barry Stalker (0131 244 0740)*

The aim of this longitudinal study is to provide longitudinal data about the transitions of young people from completion of compulsory education at 16 through subsequent education, employment and training to the labour market. Analysis of the data as part of a 'Special Studies' contract includes work on gender and attainment, NEET group and low attainment.

### **Review of Strategies to Address Gender Inequalities in Schools**

*Contractor: Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Paul Tyrer [0131 244 0055]*

This research is mapping and evaluating strategies to address gender inequalities in Scottish schools. The project is reviewing the relevant literature to understand the causes of gender differences in attainment and of variations across the genders in school experiences (subject choices, career aspirations, self esteem, perception of gender roles, access to vocational training and so on). This is complemented by an assessment of current practices addressing these gender issues in primary and secondary schools in Scotland, with a view to highlighting examples of good practice through case studies.

### **Evaluation of the Study Support Programme**

*Contractor: SCRE, University of Glasgow*

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Paul Tyrer [0131 244 0055]*

The Study Support Programme (SSP) was introduced in 1999 as one way to raise standards in schools and promote social inclusion. This research is mapping the range of SSP activities from 1999-2004, evaluating how these programmes are being implemented in pre-school and primary and secondary schools, and appraising the outcomes of the project, both intended and unintended. Focussing on specific examples, the study is also identifying examples of good practice in schools and local authorities.

### **Evaluation of the Implementation of Free Fruit scheme in Primary 1&2**

*Contractor: Scottish Centre for Social Research*

*Due: November 2005*

*Contact: Barry Stalker (0131 244 0740)*

The study will set out to evaluate the implementation of the Free Fruit scheme in Primary 1 and 2 in Scottish publicly funded schools.

### **Educational Experience of Asylum Seekers**

*Contractor: Thomas Coram Research Unit*

*Due: February 2006*

*Contact: Paul Tyrer [0131 244 0055]*

This work will focus on the experiences of asylum seeker and refugee children in school education in Scotland.

### **Evaluation of Enquire**

*Contractor: University of Edinburgh*

*Due: January 2006*

*Contact: Paul Tyrer [0131 244 0055]*

This project is an evaluation of Enquire, the Scottish advice and information service for additional support for learning, which is managed by Children in Scotland and funded by the Executive. The first phase of the research will consider the effectiveness of the current services provided by Enquire, while the second phase will make recommendations about the long-term provision of ASfL support, post 2007.

# Education – Children and Young People, Social Care

## Ongoing Work

### **Evaluation of Parenting Orders in Scotland**

*Contractor: Criminal Justice Social Work Development Centre, University of Edinburgh*  
*Due: March 2007*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid [0131 244 2652]*

Evaluation of a three year national pilot focussing on the implementation and LA planning processes of Parenting Orders.

### **Evaluation of Extended Schools Pilots in Scotland**

*Contractor: Out to tender*  
*Due: May 2006*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid [0131 244 2652]*

Evaluation of two pilots in Aberdeenshire and Fife looking specifically whether childcare is a barrier to going back to work for lone parents.

### **Learning at a distance supported by ICT for Gypsies and Travellers: Young people's views**

*Contractor: Dr Pauline Padfield, University of Edinburgh*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid, 0131 244 2652*

The main aim of this piece of sponsored research is to examine Gypsy and Traveller young people's educational experience and aspirations of learning at a distance (from school) supported by ICT.

### **Evaluation of Secure Care Outcomes**

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

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Luke Cavanagh [0131 244 0227]*

This study is investigating the effectiveness of secure care in meeting the needs of young people, their families and communities. The study will look at the referrals procedure and 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.

### **Early Years Longitudinal Survey – 'Growing up in Scotland'**

*Contractor: Scottish Centre for Social Research (SCSR) and Centre for Families and Relationships (CRFR)*

*Due: September 2007*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid [0131 244 2652]*

The primary objective of the survey is to address a significant gap in the evidence base for early years policy monitoring and evaluation. It will collect information about the experiences of young children and their families from birth to age 5 and provide the basis for tracking their development into adolescence. The data will also serve wider policy research requirements for cross sectional analysis of issues affecting children and young people. It represents a major investment in the CYP evidence base with a specific focus on children in vulnerable groups.

### **Sure Start Scotland Mapping 2004**

*Centre for Research on Family and Relationships*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid [0131 244 2652]*

This survey will update the 2002 mapping exercise of Sure Start Scotland. The survey will be carried out in three phases: 1. updating statistics from the 2002 survey, 2. describing the planning process and 3. assessing the impact of Sure Start services and funding on children and their families.

### **Integrated Assessment and Information Sharing: Evaluation of Pilot Projects**

*Contractor: Brigid Daniel, University of Dundee*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid (0131 244 2652)*

The aim is to develop a draft framework that focuses on the evaluation of the complexities of inter-agency working and partnership approaches with families. The evaluation will draw out aspects associated with successful joint working which can be used to inform guidance for the consultation that Children and Families Division is undertaking.

## Education – Children and Young People, Social Care

### **Evaluation of the Reading Rich Project Pilot**

*Contractor: NCH Scotland and Scottish Book Trust*

*Due: November 2007*

*Contact: Rod Harrison [0131 244 0741]*

This project forms the first of a wider programme of pilots and evaluations supported by the Executive which will explore the effectiveness of options for improving educational attainment of looked after children. The Reading Rich pilot comprises a number of projects that aim to increase exposure to literature and reading experiences within a range of residential and foster settings.

### **Evaluation of the Columba 1400 Careleavers Programme**

*Contractor: York Consulting*

*Due: July 2006*

*Contact: Luke Cavanagh [0131 244 0227]*

This project is an evaluation of a two year pilot programme whose aim is to enhance the experiences of young people moving from residential care to independent living.

### **Voice of the Looked After Child**

*Contractor: Children in Scotland*

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: John Galilee (0131 244 0891)*

This sponsored research project is exploring looked after children's perceptions of and experiences of meetings (including Looked After Care Reviews and Children's Hearings). The project is identifying and accessing the adequacy of mechanisms used that facilitate looked after children's participation in (or input at) meetings.

### **Advocacy in the Children's Hearing System (Research being carried out in collaboration with SCRA, Save the Children and Who Cares? Scotland)**

*Contractor: SCRA*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Luke Cavanagh (0131 244 0227)*

The principal aim of this project is to obtain the views of children and young people involved in the Children's Hearings System on their experiences of advocacy and how these can be improved.

## Forthcoming Research Studies

### **Consultation with Children and Young People: Framework for Integrated Assessment, Planning and Recording for Scotland's Children**

*Contractor: To be appointed*

*Due: Spring 2006*

*Contact: Fiona McDiarmid 0131 244 2652*

The Scottish Executive is commissioning work to inform the implementation of the national Integrated Assessment, planning and recording for children and young people. As part of emphasizing effective engagement, taking care to work out how best to talk with children, young people and those who look after them about integrated assessment is a key area of work.

## Publications

### **Being Young in Scotland 2005: Young People's Participation in Youth Work, Arts, Culture and Sport (2005)**

*MORI Scotland*

The Scottish Executive Education Department commissioned a module of questions on the Being Young in Scotland Survey run by YouthLink and MORI Scotland. The survey interviewed 3,000 young people aged between 11-25 and asked them about participation in youthwork, leisure, arts, culture and sport activities. The findings highlight specific differences between young people from a variety of target groups.

[www.scotland.gov.uk/insight](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/insight)

### **Resilience: A Framework for Positive Practice (2005)**

*Brigid Daniel, University of Dundee, with Sally Wassell*

A year long pilot for an evaluative intervention study in Scotland. Based around a published set of practice materials that aim explicitly to promote resilience in vulnerable children.

[For full report click here](#)

## Education – Children and Young People, Social Care

### **Perceptions of Young People and Crime (2005)**

*Simon Anderson, Catherine Bromley and Lisa Given, Scottish Centre for Social Research*

The aim of the research is to gather contextual evidence around adults perceptions of young people to feed into the evidence base around anti-social behaviour and youth crime. Questions have been added to the Scottish Social Attitudes Survey. Topics range from gaining adults perceptions of young people to perceptions of young people committing anti-social behaviour and crime.

[For full report click here](#)

### **Assessment of the Support and Information for Victims of Youth Crime (SIVYC) Pilot**

*Kate Skellington Orr, Traci Leven, Ewen McCaig, MVA Limited*

This report outlines the findings of an assessment of the Forth Valley Victim Support SIVYC Pilot Scheme. The Scheme's principal aim was to improve the experiences of victims of young offenders dealt with by the children's hearings system in the area. The project assessed the impact of the Scheme on organisations involved in the pilot (police, Victim Support Scotland, SCRA, Social Work, Voluntary Sector and Children's Panel members).

[For report click here](#)

[For Insight research summary click here](#)

### **Evaluation of the Fast Track Children's Hearings in Scotland**

*Hill, M et al, Universities of Glasgow, Stirling and Strathclyde*

Published in July 2005, this report highlights the results of the evaluation into the Fast Track Children's Hearing pilot. This scheme was piloted in three geographical areas of Scotland, and the evaluation assessed the setting up, operation and cost-effectiveness of Fast Track.

[For report click here](#)

### **"Everyone needs to know someone is there for them" – A report on young people's consultation**

*The TASC Agency*

As part of evidence being collected on behalf of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Review of Social Work, this report brings together findings from workshops carried out with children and young people to find out what help or support people may need in their lives, and what the characteristics, skills or ways of working a professional person or service might bring to a relationship with an individual or family or community at times of need.

## Education – Tourism, Culture and Sport

### Ongoing

#### **Well-Being and Quality of Life: Measuring the Benefits of Culture and Sport**

*Contractor: Centre for Cultural Policy Research,  
University of Glasgow.*

*Due: September 2005*

*Contact: Janet Ruiz [0131 244 4939]*

This work will define 'quality of life' in the context of culture, arts and sport and explore ways in which the impact on quality of life and sense of well-being through participation in cultural or sport interventions can be identified and measured, both in social and economic terms

# Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

## Ongoing Work

### **Evaluation of the Scottish Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALN) Strategy**

*Contractor: Professor Lyn Tett, Edinburgh University*  
*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Esther Saville [0141 2425435]*

The aim of the ALN strategy is to increase learning opportunities, increase the number of learners and improve the quality of ALN. Previous research suggests that deprived areas have disproportionately high numbers of adults with low levels of literacy and numeracy. This longitudinal survey aims to assess the impact of learning on the lives of learners.

### **Motivations to learn**

*Contractor: CRADALL*  
*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Corinne Adams [0141 2420262]*

A review of existing literature to explore what motivates adult learners in Scotland and assesses what and where the barriers are to participation in both full and part-time learning

### **Mapping Exercise: Employability and Support Services for Disengaged Young People**

*Contractor: Eddy Adams Consultants*  
*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Margerita Rossi [0141 242 0260]*

A mapping study to provide a better understanding of the range and nature of supports offered to the client group; and inform development of an effective service framework.

### **Research into an Entitlement Programme for those Leaving Care and not in Education and for Young People not in the Care System and not in Education**

*Contractor: York Consulting*  
*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Corinne Adams [0141 2420262]*

This study is looking at an entitlement programme aimed at increasing participation in learning by ensuring that no-one is disadvantaged by how, when or where they want to study. A key goal is to help ensure that those who do not take a traditional linear path through learning – school, college, university – have the same access to support as those who do.

The objective is to investigate whether participation in post compulsory learning by care leavers and by other young people not currently engaged in learning would be increased if tuition and maintenance support was offered on an entitlement basis rather than a guaranteed or discretionary one."

## Publications

### **Research on Student Income, Expenditure and Debt in Scotland (2005)**

*Professor Claire Callender, London South Bank University*

This research will collect comprehensive data on the experiences of income, expenditure and debt of a nationally representative sample of full time and part time undergraduate students studying in HE and FE in Scotland.

[For report click here](#)

### **Transition to Employment: Advising Disadvantaged Groups (forthcoming Sept 2005)**

*Contractor: Scottish Poverty Information Unit, Glasgow Caledonian*

This is a two year training and research initiative. It involves (i) a literature review of advice services and transition to work (available from Jeanette) (ii) primary research with disadvantaged groups (as service users), advisors and agencies to develop models of benefits advice and (iii) training for advisors in new approaches to information and advice services that help to address the problems and barriers for disadvantaged groups.

### **Funding available to learners in tertiary education – an international comparison (2005)**

*Scottish Executive*

A literature review of international approaches to funding maintenance and tuition costs of FE and HE students.

[For report click here.](#)

[For report findings click here](#)

# Environmental Justice

## Ongoing Work

### **Social Impacts of Flooding in Scotland**

*Contractor: out to tender*

*Due: Autumn 2006*

*Contact: Nuala Gormley (0131 244 7331)*

Aimed at providing critical evidence on a range of social impacts for people living in areas of flood risk or flooding in Scotland. This research aims to establish the impacts upon people's attitudes, behaviours and perceptions of their property, security and general well-being, and is particularly concerned about those living in disadvantaged circumstances already. It hopes to establish 'what works' with particular population groups and locations in relation to flood prevention campaigns and flood awareness schemes, while providing a baseline of data for future evaluation of changes in the non-economic impacts of flooding in Scotland.

### **Environmental incivilities: Scottish Social Attitudes survey**

*Contractor: Scotcen*

*Due: Sept 2005*

*Contact: Nuala Gormley [0131 244 7331]*

A module of 40 questions in the 2004 Scottish Social Attitudes Survey been developed covering perceptions and incidence of various 'environmental incivilities' and local environmental quality issues. The study will examine respondents' priority concerns regarding environmental quality in different types of neighbourhood in Scotland. Analysis will relate responses to health, exercise, perceived political efficacy, and concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as socio-demographic and geographic characteristics.

### **Access to Environmental Information and Advice; A scoping study of single-source outlets**

*Contractor: Enviro Consulting Ltd*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Nuala Gormley [0131 244 7331]*

This project seeks to ascertain how far the 'one stop shop' model would meet a public demand for environmental information and advice. It will look at best practice across the UK and elsewhere, both in providing this type of information, or where this model works most successfully. The study will therefore report on 'what works', 'why' and 'for whom', with emphasis on meeting the needs of people not accustomed to exploiting their information rights. It will draw on primary evidence from both the general public and key stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Environmental Information Regulations, and the Freedom of Information Act.

## Publications

### **Investigating Environmental Justice in Scotland: links between measures of environmental quality and social deprivation (2005)**

*Prof. Gordon Walker (Staffordshire University), and Dr. Gordon Mitchell (University of Leeds)*

This co-funded research with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) examined evidence of the proximity of socially deprived neighbourhoods in Scotland to different aspects of environmental quality. The project is administered by The Scottish and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research (SNIFFER). The project compared environmental datasets provided by the project sponsors with data from the 2001 census and the 2004 Scottish Indices of Deprivation to establish whether there is evidence of a relationship between areas of social deprivation and exposure to different environmental incivilities. GIS was used to demonstrate existing patterns.

[For full report click here](#)

# Health, Community Care and Mental Health

## Ongoing Work

### COMMUNITY CARE

#### **Scoping study on the needs of, and services for, younger people with physical disabilities and/or early onset dementia**

*Contractor: Stirling University*

*Due date: September 2005*

*Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131-244-5429]*

A scoping literature review on the needs of younger people with physical disabilities and dementia, and the range and quality of care services provided for them in order to identify key emerging themes and any gaps in the evidence base to inform the development of policy and practice.

#### **Community care and mental health services for adults with sensory impairment in Scotland**

*Contractor: MVA*

*Due date: September 2005*

*Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131-244-5429]*

Research project on the services provided for people with sensory impairment, including mental health and community care services, the purpose being to map out services provided, identify examples of good practice and explore service user and carer perspectives in order to address present inconsistencies and specialist needs.

#### **Establishing the evidence base for an evaluation of the implementation and impact of the Free Personal Care Policy**

*Contractor: Stirling University*

*Due date: November 2005*

*Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131-244-5429]*

This project aims to provide a baseline against which progress with the implementation and operation of Free Personal Care can be measured, and provide the context for the operation of Free Personal Care since 2002. The study will draw on evidence relating to costs, statistics, social research and the policy context of Free Personal Care.

### HEALTH

#### **Evaluation of Well Men Services Pilots**

*Contractor: Department of Public Health and Health Economics Research Unit, University of Aberdeen*

*Due date: November 2006*

*Contact: Imelda Hametz [0131-244-3740]*

The evaluation will assess the effectiveness of well men services pilots funded by SEHD in promoting healthier lifestyles; providing health assessment, advice and support; and effectively engaging men, particularly the hardest to reach due to social exclusion.

### MENTAL HEALTH

#### **Evaluation of the First Phase of Choose Life: the National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent Suicide in Scotland**

*Contractor: Consortium led by Steve Platt, Research unit in Health, Behaviour and Change*

*Due Date: July 2006*

*Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]*

The evaluation will assess the infrastructure put in place (nationally and locally) to support Choose Life. It will measure progress towards the milestones identified in the strategy document and provide recommendations to guide the second phase of the action plan to achieve a 20% reduction in suicides in Scotland by 2013.

#### **Evaluation of the Breathing Space Telephone Advice Line and Signposting Service for People Experiencing Low Mood or Depression**

*Contractor: Scottish Centre for Social Research*

*Due date: January 2006*

*Contact: Alison Stout [0131-244-5332]*

The evaluation will assess the development of the service to date and will explore the effectiveness of the communication strategy and the telephone line in terms of reaching the target population of younger men.

# Health, Community Care and Mental Health

## National Programme for Improving Mental Health and Well-Being: Small Research Projects Initiative

Contractor: 10 projects per annum

Due date: Annual competition: first set of projects due to report by March 2006:

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131-244-2813]

The initiative was established in 2004. It offers funding to small, innovative research projects able to demonstrate a contribution to advancing the agenda of the National Programme in its aims to promote mental health and well-being, eliminate stigma, prevent suicide and support recovery from mental health problems. Projects funded to date are:

- Self-help support groups: a study of their role in recovery from depression
- Implementing a recovery approach in policy and practice (literature review)
- How do community services support well-being?
- User perspectives of self-help and community services
- Evaluation of an initiative to support male survivors of childhood sexual abuse
- Practitioner-rated usefulness of assessment and intervention tools used in relation to looked after children
- Improving outcomes for infants with mothers with post-natal depression
- Mental well-being and behaviour in schools: links between evidence and practice
- Plotting the story of recovery in Scotland, New Zealand and Canada
- Understanding and promoting student mental health in Scottish Higher Education

## Forthcoming research

Priorities for **Community Care Research** include:

- 1) Research evaluating the Joint Future Agenda.
- 2) Evaluation of the implementation and operation of the Single Shared Assessment Indicator of Relative Need (formerly the Resource Use measure)

For further details contact Sarah Campbell [0131-244-5429]

Priorities for **Health Research** include:

- 1) Undertaking the 2006 Survey of Public Attitudes to the National Health Service in Scotland
- 2) Exploring the use of research in the area of patient focus and public involvement.

For further details contact Imelda Hametz [0131-244-3740]

Priorities for **Mental Health Research** include:

- 1) Investigation of levels and trends in the use of compulsory treatment under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984
- 2) Exploring the experiences of compulsory treatment by people in minority groups currently poorly represented in the research evidence
- 3) Independent evaluation of the See Me national anti-stigma campaign
- 4) A series of reviews to co-ordinate the evidence base on suicide and suicidal behaviour
- 5) Second run of the Small Research Projects Initiative.

For further details contact Angela Hallam [0131-244-2813]

## Publications

### Go for it! Support for Employment for People with Learning Disabilities and/or ASD (2005)

Julie Ridley, Susan Hunter and Infusion Co-operative Research project mapping out the nature and availability of initiatives and services to support people in Scotland with learning disabilities and/or ASD gain and remain in employment. The project identified examples of good practice and explored the experiences of those in supported employment, and their families.

[For report click here](#)

### Well? What do you think? (2004) The Second National Scottish Survey of Public Attitudes to Mental health, Well being, and Mental Health Problems (2005)

Simon Brauholtz, Sara Davidson and Susan King (MORI Scotland)

The survey explores the views of a representative sample of the adult Scottish population on a range of mental health issues and compares findings with other relevant survey data, in particular the survey carried out in 2002. The survey will be repeated in 2006.

[For report click here](#)

# Housing and Regeneration

## Ongoing Work

### **The Support Needs of Homeless Households**

*Contractor: Ann Rosengard Associates*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Anna Donald [0131 244 0933].*

An examination of the support needs of households declared intentionally homeless. The main aim of the research is to identify accommodation and support provision which will assist intentionally homeless households to move on to more secure accommodation.

### **Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Fuel Poverty**

*Contractor: Alembic Research*

*Due: Spring 2006*

*Contact: Kate Bilton 0131 244 7563*

Research to measure the impacts of the Central Heating Programme on its beneficiaries, including whether they are removed from fuel poverty and its effects or have their degree of fuel poverty reduced.

### **Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Health**

*Contractor: University of Edinburgh with TNS Social Research*

*Due: Autumn 2006*

*Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]*

A three year research project to identify and quantify the impact of the Central Heating and Warm Deal programmes on recipients' health.

### **Assessing the Development and Implementation of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund**

*Contractor: Tribal HCH*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Richard Rollison [0131 244 0366]*

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. A number of topic reports are being produced over the duration of the contract (see Publications below).

For further details about housing and regeneration research within the Scottish Executive please see 'contacts' at the end of the Bulletin. Forthcoming research projects and invitations for Expressions of Interest will be announced on the Scottish Executive Social Research website at:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch)

## Publications

### **Maintaining Houses-Preserving Homes – A Report on Responses to the Consultation (February 2005)**

*Hexagon Research & Consulting*

This report analyses responses to 'Maintaining Houses – Preserving Homes', a consultation on improving maintenance, quality and repair in owner-occupied and private rented sector housing. The report has informed the development of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

### **Final Evaluation of the Rough Sleepers Initiative (March 2005)**

*Centre for Housing Policy, University of York*

This report assesses the extent to which the RSI has eliminated the need for rough sleeping in Scotland and the effectiveness of current monitoring systems, and makes a number of recommendations on future practice for the management, delivery and monitoring of services to meet the needs of rough sleepers.

### **Methodology for Assessing the Implications of Expanding Priority Need (April 2005)**

*Tribal HCH*

This research was commissioned to assist the Scottish Executive in developing a methodology that would enable local authorities to assess their capacity to meet the new requirements under the Homelessness (Scotland) Act 2003 in relation to the abolition of priority need.

### **Operation of Power to Modify Local Connection Provisions (April 2005)**

*Tribal HCH*

This study considers the specific arrangements whereby the power contained in the Homelessness (Scotland) Act 2003 to modify the local connection provisions might be implemented.

### **Gypsies/Travellers in Scotland. The Twice Yearly Counts – No. 7 (2005)**

*Research Consultancy Services*

Results of the January 2005 count on the distribution of Gypsy/Traveller Communities, covering official council sites, privately owned caravan sites and places used for unauthorised encampments.

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### **Approaches to Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour in the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund Programme (2005)**

*Tribal HCH*

One of a series of topic reports on key issues for the BNSF, this report describes the types of activities which have been funded to promote community safety, and to address crime and antisocial behaviour and their impact on BNSF Pathfinder areas.

### **Older People's Services in Better Neighbourhood Services Fund programmes (forthcoming Autumn 2005)**

*Tribal HCH*

One of a series of topic reports on key issues for the BNSF, this report describes the variety of services and projects that have been funded through BNSF for older people.

### **Children and Young People's Projects in Better Neighbourhood Services Fund programmes (forthcoming Autumn 2005)**

*Tribal HCH*

One of a series of topic reports on key issues for the BNSF, this report describes the types of activities which have been funded through BNSF for children and young people. These activities have sought to improve young people's life chances and their quality of life as well as that of the communities in which they live.

### **Assessing the Impact of the Central Heating Programme on Tackling Fuel Poverty: Report on Year Two 2002 – 2003 (forthcoming Autumn 2005)**

*Alembic Research*

An annual survey of households included in each of the first three years of the Central Heating Programme is being conducted to monitor the impact of the programme (see above). This report presents the results for those households receiving central heating during 2002-2003, the second year of the programme.

[For copies of housing and regeneration reports please click here](#)

# Local Government and Public Services Reform

## Ongoing work

### **Improving Council Tax Collection In Scotland**

*Contractor: Prof. Glen Bramley, CRSIS, Heriot-Watt University*

*Due: Oct 2005*

*Contact: Stephen Sinclair. 0131 244 4943*

The aim of this project is to explore the reasons for the continuing difference in payment rates between Scottish local authorities, and between Scotland, England and Wales, and to make recommendations for improving collection rates in Scotland. The project involves a combination of quantitative and qualitative approaches. The first stage involves statistical analysis of Council Tax collection data in Scotland, England and Wales to identify links between collection rates and relevant factors, including deprivation, population density, level of Council Tax, uptake of benefits/rebate, and ease of payment. The second stage involves interviews with local authority officials in 6 case study areas to explore issues around approaches to collection of Council Tax and any associated difficulties. Interviews will also be carried out with a small number of non-payers of Council Tax and representatives from the money advice agencies in case study areas to explore reasons for and issues surrounding non-payment.

# Rural Affairs

## Ongoing work

### **Service Priority, Accessibility and Quality – A qualitative study to explore rural communities' own views on local service provision**

*Contractor: Accent Marketing and Research*

*Due: end September 2005*

*Contact: Donna Easterlow [0131 244 4186]*

A qualitative study exploring rural communities' own views on local service provision in Scotland's Rural Service Priority Areas (RSPAs). The aim of the research, by drawing on the existing local government evidence base and focus group work, is to establish which services communities themselves think are important, and which are their priority for improvement in terms of accessibility and quality. The research findings will help to inform the development of local 'Closing the Opportunity Gap' service delivery targets in an attempt to ensure that these are set, as far as possible, to reflect the needs, experiences and preferences of those people who use, wish or need to use local services.

### **Costs and Benefits of Co-locating Services in Rural Scotland**

*Contractor: Scottish Agricultural College*

*Due: end 2005*

*Contact: Kathy Johnston [0131 244 6146]*

A costs-benefits analysis of co-location in order to explore the widely-held assumption that co-location of services (in rural areas) leads to both cost-savings and improved access as a result of joint provision.

## Forthcoming research studies

### **Evaluation of the Rural Voices Action Research Competition**

*Contractor: To be appointed*

*Due: 2006*

*Contact: Fionagh Thomson [0131 244 4183]*

Rural Voices was a two year pilot capacity building programme aimed at enabling rural communities to consult on aspects of local services of concern to them. Communities received financial and professional support from the Scottish Executive in order to identify their own needs and become skilled at running their own consultations. The evaluation will examine how and to what extent the pilot met its original objectives and provide an analysis of the associated costs and benefits.

## Publications

### **Migration and Commuting in Urban and Rural Scotland. Statistics from Census 2001. (2005).**

This report focuses on migration and commuting in urban and rural Scotland based on statistics from Census 2001. It also includes, however, an annex of key variables, such as employment, housing and health, analysed according to the Scottish Executive six-fold urban rural classification.

[For full report click here](#)

### **Rural Analysis of the Census 2001 (2005)**

*In-house report*

This work is focusing on commuting and migration analyses since this is previously unavailable data. The final report *Migration and Commuting in Urban and Rural Scotland* will also, however, include an annex of key variables, such as employment, housing and health, analysed according to the Scottish Executive's six-fold urban rural classification. The work will be completed and report available by the beginning of March 2005.

# Substance Misuse Research

## Ongoing Work

### **Prison Transitional Care Evaluation**

*Contractor: Stirling University and NFO System Three Social Research*

*Due: January 2006*

*Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3010]*

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 Univ and ScotCen*

*Due: November 2005*

*Contact: Samantha Coope [0131 244 3079]*

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.

### **The Provision of Health and Social Care Services for People with Co-Existing Mental Health and Substance Use Problems across Scotland**

*Contractor: CARES, University of Dundee*

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Samantha Coope [0131 244 3079]*

The aims of this study are to describe and examine the nature and scope of existing service provision in Scotland for people with co-existing mental health and substance use problems. A specific aim includes – to identify the broad range of health and social care needs of people with co-morbid mental health and substance use problems; and their experiences of accessing and receiving services from health, social care, and voluntary organisations

### **Drug Markets in Three Case Study Areas**

*Contractor: RSDC and Samantha Coope*

*Due: October 2005*

*Contact: Samantha Coope [0131 244 3079]*

This study will examine drug markets and interventions to tackle them, in three case study areas in Scotland. It will study the impact that drug markets have on the local areas in which they operate, and the effectiveness of interventions designed to reduce the negative impacts of these markets. It involves qualitative research with police, local service providers, drug users, and community representatives.

### **Evaluation of the first year of operation of the North and North East Community Addiction Teams (CATs) in Glasgow**

*Contractor: Greater Glasgow NHS Board*

*Due: September 2005*

*Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3010]*

The study examines integrated working in the Community Addiction Teams in Glasgow, stakeholders' responses to their introduction, the impact of integrated services on service users and carers. Routine quantitative data will also be collected and analysed in relation to service activity, service specification targets and established performance indicators.

## Publications

The **Scottish Executive Drug Misuse Research Programme 2004-2007** sets out the programme of drug misuse research that the Scottish Executive will support and fund over the next three years.

[Click here for the DOCUMENT](#)

### **Service Provision for Drug Users in Rural and Remote Areas of Scotland: a Qualitative Study – A summary Report (2005)**

*Clear Plan (UK) Services Ltd.*

This report explores the issues that influence the effective planning, design and delivery of integrated care for drug users in rural and remote areas from the perspectives of service commissioners, service providers and service users. [For report click here](#)

## Substance Misuse Research

### **National Investigation into Drug-Related Deaths (2005)**

CARES (*University of Dundee*),

This is an investigation into all drug-related deaths in Scotland during 2003. The study examines the clinical and social circumstances surrounding drug-related deaths and report on the views of overdose survivors. It also provides recommendations for policy and practice to reduce drug-related deaths. For copies of the report please email [smrt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:smrt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or contact Samantha Coope on (0131) 244 3079

# Transport and Planning

## Ongoing Work

### **Transport Direct – Accessibility Information**

*Contractor: Atkins*

*Due: Autumn 2005*

*Contact: Sharon McGregor (0131 244 0285)*

To assess what information is needed to meet the accessibility needs of disabled travellers which will allow them to plan their journey in advance via Transport Direct, and what is the best way of collecting and maintaining this information. TransportDirect is an electronic information service which aims to centralise journey planning and facilitate ticket purchase across the range of transport service providers and modes of travel.

### **Public Transport Concessions for Disabled People**

*Contractor: TNS with TRi and TTR*

*Due: February 2006*

*Contact: Tom Lamplugh [0131 244 0377]*

The overarching aim of this research will be to put forward recommendations for improved public transport for disabled people in Scotland.

### **Increasing Membership of the Children's Traffic Club in Areas of High Social Deprivation**

*Contractor: to be appointed*

*Due: March 2006*

*Contact: Tom Lamplugh [0131 244 0377]*

To suggest ways of increasing uptake and use of the Children's Traffic Club in Scotland in areas of high social deprivation.

## Publications

### **SHS Topic Report on Accessibility and Transport (forthcoming 2005)**

*TRi (Napier University) with DHC and MORI*

Analyses various aspects of accessibility and the extent to which they are inter-linked using data from the Scottish Household Survey and, where appropriate, other sources. Includes examination of variations in the accessibility of transport and accessibility by transport in the light of social inclusion.

### **Road Safety – By Accident or Design? Guidelines for Improving Road Safety in Regeneration Areas (2005)**

*Colin Buchanan and Partners*

Guidelines published by the Scottish Road Safety Campaign for use by all the agencies engaged in community regeneration that give guidance in how best to approach road safety in regeneration areas using an inter-agency, community based approach.

[For report click here](#)

## 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 four year contract has been awarded to MORI Scotland and TNS to continue running the survey until the end of 2006. Questionnaire content is reviewed every two years; a revised questionnaire was introduced in January 2005. The next major questionnaire revision exercise will take place in Summer 2006 and the new questionnaire will be introduced 2007.

### Publications

The latest Scottish Household Survey Annual Report, *Scotland's People: Results from the 2003/4 Scottish Household Survey*, and accompanying technical reports were published on 4 August 2005 and can be accessed via the SHS website. The technical report was published in 3 separate titles: *Scottish Household Survey: Methodology 2003/2004*, *Scottish Household Survey: Fieldwork Outcomes 2003/4* and *Scottish Household Survey: Questionnaire 2005*. The Annual Report covers a wide range of topics to allow links to be made between different policy areas, including many relevant to social justice; for example disability, volunteering and access to services. It includes analysis by age and gender.

Hard copies are available from Scottish Executive Publication Sales, Blackwell's Bookshop, 53 South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1YS. (tel: 0131 622 8283) or on request from the SHS project team (see Contacts list at the end of the bulletin).

The Scottish Household Survey Statistics Publication Notices provide quarterly up-dates on trends for some key statistics. The latest notice based on data from Quarter 1 2005 was published in August 2005. Quarter 2 2005 will be published in November 2005 and Quarter 3 2005 in February 2006. These too can be accessed via the SHS website.

# Office of Chief Statistician

The Office of the Chief Statistician is part of the Office of the Permanent Secretary. Its role is to support key corporate policy areas and to support the development of the Statistician Group in the Scottish Executive.

## Ongoing work

### Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics

*Contractor: Scottish Executive Departments, UK Departments and Associated Agencies*

*Due: Work ongoing*

*Contact: Robert Williams [0131 244 0443]*

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics ([www.sns.gov.uk](http://www.sns.gov.uk)) aims to make the most of the wealth of small area information held within central government which can help inform the development and monitoring of national and local policy. SNS continues to develop its services and data sources to meet policy needs.

### Measuring Deprivation

*Contractor: In-house*

*Due: Work ongoing*

*Contact: Robert Williams [0131 244 0443]*

Building on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/>), the Executive is now working to further develop measures of deprivation in line with recommendations from the 'Long-Term Strategy for Measuring Deprivation'.

### Social Survey Harmonisation

*Contractor: In-house*

*Due: Work ongoing*

*Contact: Robert Williams [0131 244 0443]*

Work is ongoing to ensure clear and coherent use of surveys in Scotland, this includes work to harmonise, realign, and explore further integration of the main Scottish Executive social surveys.

## Publications

### Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (Quarterly updates)

The SNS internet site ([www.sns.gov.uk](http://www.sns.gov.uk)) includes an increasingly wide range of small area socio-economic statistics, the site is updated with new statistics on a quarterly basis.

### Social Focus on Deprived Areas 2005 (forthcoming Sept 05)

Building on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004, this Social Focus will focus on children and young people; working age; and pensioners living in Scotland's most deprived areas and explore the social-economic issues facing these groups living in deprived areas.

### Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (Minor Revision) (July 2005)

The Office of the Chief Statistician identified a minor inaccuracy in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2004 and published revised statistics in July 2005. The revised statistics can be found on the SIMD 2004 and Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics internet sites at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats> and [www.sns.gov.uk](http://www.sns.gov.uk).

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