

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 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

Two-stage Credit Union Research

Contractor: GEN Consulting

Due Date: Autumn 2004

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 the characteristics of CU members in Scotland and their saving/borrowing patterns and to explore the potential for credit unions and their role in tackling financial exclusion.

Money Advice Projects for Vulnerable Groups – Consultancy & Evaluation

Contractor: SPIU with MAS

Due Date: Summer 2006

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 Date: final report 2007

Contact: Sharon Vincent [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.

British Sign Language and Linguistic Access for Deaf People: a study of the experiences of BSL users in engaging with public services

Contractor: Deaf Studies Trust

Due Date: October 2004

Contact: Katherine Hudson [0131 244 7572]

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

Baseline Monitoring of the Scottish Compact

Contractor: GEN Consulting

Due Date: Autumn 2004

Contact: Louise Virdee [0131 244 7331]

Research to develop and collect core baseline monitoring data to assess the implementation of the principles of the Scottish Compact.

Improving the Collection of Volunteering Data in Scotland

Contractor: RDS Consulting

Due Date: September 2004

Contact Louise Virdee [0131 244 7331]

Development work and piloting to improve the collection of volunteering data in Scotland. This will include consultation with key stakeholders on conceptualising volunteering and development and piloting of a module of questions to measure volunteering in surveys.

Minority Ethnic Enterprise: A Scoping Study

Contractor: Paisley Enterprise Research Centre, University of Paisley,

Due Date: November 2004

Contact: Louise McAspurren [0131 244 7571]

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.

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

Contractor: Heriot Watt University

Due Date: November 2004

Contact: Sharon Vincent [0131 244 7371]

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.

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Disability and Employment in Scotland: a review of the evidence base

Contractor: University of Edinburgh

Due Date: October 2004

Contact: Sharon Vincent [0131 244 7371]

A scoping study to establish the level of data and literature available concerning the rates and pattern of disabled people in employment and training in Scotland. It will also look at surrounding issues such as practical support and welfare benefits, and pathways to work.

Public Opinion on the Draft Charities Bill: Focus Groups

Contractor: Todd Associates

Due Date: October 2004

Contact: Celia McKenna [0131 244 7558]

Research to explore public confidence in charities and the effectiveness of the proposed changes contained within the Draft Charities Bill.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Sexual Orientation Research Phase 3: a Stocktake of Local Authority Policy and Practice

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Nicola Edge [0131 244 0427]

Study to develop baseline evidence of local authority policy and practice relating to LGBT communities.

Review of Race Equality Work: Analysis of Responses from Organisations

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Louise McAspurren [0131 244 7571]

Work as part of a wider review, to collate and analyse responses to a consultation that looks at the focus, priority and delivery of race equality work.

Research to inform work on Ethnic Identity Classification Frameworks

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Nicola Edge [0131 244 0427]

Research to inform the development of proposals for a framework of ethnic identity classifications for use within administrative systems and statistical surveys.

Further forthcoming research projects will be announced on the Scottish Executive Social Research website at www.scotland.gov.uk/socialresearch

Publications

Credit Union Training & Skills Audit (2004)

Chapman M, Boyle A, Rutherford F & Wager, F (CRSIS)

An audit of the training provision for credit union volunteers in Scotland and development and piloting of a toolkit for credit unions to allow them to carry out skills audits of their volunteer workforces.

Working for Families: Lessons from the Pilot Projects (Stage 1 and 2) (2004)

formerly known as: Social Justice Childcare & Employment Funding

GEN Consulting

Research of 2 pilot areas to inform the design, development and implementation of the main Social Justice programme for specialised initiatives to improve parents' employability by tackling childcare barriers.

Social Justice

Focus Groups with Minority Ethnic Communities (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.

Diversity in the Public Appointments Process in Scotland (2003)

Reid-Howie Associates

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

Black and Minority Ethnic Communities and Homelessness in Scotland (2004)

Netto G, Fancy C, Pawson H, Lomax D, Singh S and Powers S

Cross cutting research between Housing and Social Justice (Equalities) Research teams. The research was commissioned by the Scottish Executive to examine the use and provision of homelessness services in Scotland by Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Scotland: A skills and aspirations audit (2004)

Charlaff L, Ibrani K, Lowe M, Marsden R & Turney L

This study was developed and conducted by the Scottish Executive in partnership with the Scottish Refugee Council (SRC). The aim of the project was to audit the skills and aspirations of refugees and asylum seekers living in Scotland. The study was conducted in parallel with a study commissioned by the Home Office to audit refugee skills across the UK.

Life in Low Income Families in Scotland: Research Report & Literature Review (2003)

McKendrick, J et al

This research was commissioned to understand better what life is like for people living in low income families with children in Scotland. It also investigated what people living on a low income think about poverty. The research involved a literature review (published separately) and 18 focus group interviews with adults, young people and children.

Attitudes to Discrimination in Scotland (2003)

National Centre for Social Research

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

Mainstreaming Equality Web Site

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/mainstreamingequality>

Web site providing access to a range of equality-related research and other resources to assist researchers and policy makers in mainstreaming equalities issues into their work.

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

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

Due Date: December 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: late Summer 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

Publications

Involving older people: lessons for community planning (2004)

Scottish Centre for the Promotion of the Older Person's Agenda, Queen Margaret University College

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.

Civil Law

Ongoing Work

Adults with Incapacity: Consultancy on Implementation, Monitoring and Research

Contractors: Alzheimer Scotland and Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health

Due Date: November 2004

Contact: Fiona MacDonald [0131 244 2094]

This research, which is nearing completion, has examined the ways in which the Adults with Incapacity Act has been operating. Use across the country has been monitored and qualitative research undertaken into awareness and experiences of the legislation.

Contact Applications involving Allegations of Domestic Abuse: a feasibility study

Contractors: AMA Consultancy

Due Date: September 2004

Contact: Debbie Headrick (0131 244 4389)

This research was commissioned to support the implementation of the National Strategy to Address Domestic Abuse (co-ordinated by the Violence against Women Unit). The key aim was to establish the feasibility of conducting a full study on contact applications and domestic abuse. The report is nearing completion and will be published in September 2004.

In-Court Advice Pilot Projects

Contractors: Citizens Advice Scotland, Shelter, East Ayrshire Council, Paisley Law Centre

Due Date: 2004-2006

Contact: Fiona MacDonald [0131 244 2094]

The Access to Justice Division is funding on-the-spot advice services in six sheriff courts until 2006, aimed at meeting the needs of unrepresented court users and others. The Legal Studies Team will monitor activity in these pilot projects.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Evaluation of the Debt Arrangement Scheme

Contractors: to be appointed

Due Date: spring 2006

Contact: Anne-Marie Dorrian [0131 244 2983]

The Debt Arrangement Scheme is being introduced in Scotland to offer a positive opportunity and means for managed repayment of multiple personal debts, with protection against enforcement action and sequestration. Research is being commissioned to evaluate the operation of the Scheme. It is anticipated that the research will commence in early 2005 and report in Spring 2006.

Publications

Community Legal Service: Assessing Need for Legal Advice in Scotland (2004) (forthcoming)

MRUK, University of Salford, and SeelT Ltd

Community surveys and proxy modelling exercises using existing data were used to assess the level and nature of legal need in four areas with pilot legal advice and information partnerships (Argyll & Bute Edinburgh, Fife and Glasgow West). The results are intended to be used by the local pilot partnerships to plan and co-ordinate service provision in their areas.

An Evaluation of the Community Legal Service Pilot Partnerships (2004)

Sarah Bulloch, Legal Studies Research Team

A before and after questionnaire survey was conducted with members of the pilot legal advice and information partnerships; to assess the views of partnership participants on the structure, appropriateness and potential contribution of the pilot partnerships.

Criminal Justice

Ongoing Work

Evaluation of the Communities That Care Initiative in Scotland

Contractor: Jon Bannister, Glasgow University
Due Date: Late summer 2004

Contact: Vivian Leacock [0131 244 7557]

An evaluation of the implementation and long term impact of three pilot Communities that Care schemes in Scotland. The draft for this has been received and will be published soon.

Evaluation of the Glasgow and Fife pilot drug courts

Contractor: Gill Mclvor, Margaret Malloch, Susan Eley, Kathlene Beaton and Rowdy Yates, University of Stirling

Due date: Spring/Summer 2005

Contact: Linda Hutton [0131 244 3990]

Two separate evaluations of the set-up and effectiveness of the two pilot drug courts in Scotland.

An Evaluation of Appropriate Adult Schemes in Scotland

Contractor: Lindsay Thomson, Viki Galt & Rajan Darjee, University of Edinburgh

Due date: September 2004

Contact: Kerry Morgan [0131 244 4253]

An evaluation of the use of appropriate adults in Scotland, including an examination of their experiences, monitoring of their use, and the perceptions of different professional groups.

Evaluation of the TIME OUT centre for female offenders

Contractor: Gill Mclvor, Margaret Malloch, University of Stirling

Due date: end 2005

Contact: Louise Brown [0131 244 2424]

An evaluation of the operation and effectiveness of the TIME OUT centre in Glasgow as an alternative to custody for women offenders in Glasgow.

Evaluation of the pilot Domestic Abuse Court due to be set up in Glasgow, looking at the effect the court has on the perceptions of users and the operation of the court.

Publications

The Hamilton sheriff youth court pilot: The first six months (2004)

Department of Applied Social Science, University of Stirling

A pilot Youth Court was introduced at Hamilton Sheriff Court in June 2003, targeting 16 and 17 year-old alleged offenders who have had three separate incidents of offending resulting in a criminal charge in the previous six months. This interim report summarises the findings from the formative/process element of the study and documents the operation of the Youth Court during its first six months.

Evaluation of the Scottish domestic abuse helpline (2004)

Louise Brown Research

A National Domestic Abuse Helpline was established in June 2000. The report evaluates the level of use of the Helpline, barriers to accessing it, and explores options for future development of the Helpline.

Preventing Domestic Abuse in the Western Isles: The Community Perspective (2004)

LÉirsinn Research Centre

The research explored perceptions about domestic abuse held by various groups in the Western Isles, including people with experience of abuse, professionals, and the communities more generally.

Forthcoming work

Evaluation of the pilot Domestic Abuse Court

Contractor: To be appointed

Start Date: Autumn 2004

Contact: Kerry Morgan [0131 244 4253]

Education & Children, Young People and Social Care

Ongoing Work

Minority Ethnic Pupils' Experiences of School in Scotland

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

Due Date: November 2004

Contact: Paul Tyrer [0131 244 0055]

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.

Impact of Mainstreaming

Contractor: The SCRE Centre

Due Date: July 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 Date: current contract ends 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.

SchoolsoutGlasgow.net Pilot Project

Contractor: University of Edinburgh

Due Date: Publication planned for Sept 2004

Contact: Stephanie Amice [0131 244 0383]

This project aims to provide online education for interrupted learners, i.e. pupils, between the ages of 14 and 16, who are not able to attend school for a variety of different reasons (i.e. pregnant school girls, long term illness, excluded pupils, young people looked after by Local Authorities and chronic school refusers). The aim of the research is to assess the effectiveness of online learning for vulnerable and interrupted learners.

Evaluation of the effectiveness of drug education in Scottish Schools

Contractor: Centre for Social Marketing

Due date: October 2005

Contact: Barry Stalker (0131 244 0740)

The study meets a recommendation by the School Drugs Safety Team to evaluate the effectiveness of current drug education practice in Scottish schools. The research will include data collection in special schools.

Review of Strategies to Address Gender Inequalities in Schools

Contractor: Universities of Glasgow and Strathclyde

Due Date: September 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.

Education & Children, Young People and Social Care

Evaluation of the Study Support Programme

Contractor: SCRE, University of Glasgow

Due Date: March 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.

Assessment Of The Support And Information For Victims Of Youth Crime (SIVYC) Pilot Scheme

Contractor: MVA

Due Date: December 2004

Contact: John Galilee [0131 244 0891]

The principal aim of the research is to assess the benefits of the Forth Valley Victim Support SIVYC pilot Scheme in improving the experience of victims of young offenders dealt with by the children's hearing system in the area. The research will assess the impact of the Scheme on organisations involved in the pilot (i.e. Police, Victim Support Scotland, SCRA, Social Work Departments, the Voluntary Sector and Children's Panel members).

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 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.

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.

Resilience: A Framework for Positive Practice

Contractor: Stirling University

Due Date: September 2004

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [0131 244 2652]

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.

Early Years Longitudinal Survey – 'Growing up in Scotland'

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

Due Date: September 2007

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [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.

Education & Children, Young People and Social Care

Getting it Right for Every Child: Analysis of Responses to the Consultation on the Review of the Children's Hearings System

Contractor: RDS Consulting

Due Date: August 2004

Contact: Niamh O'Connor [0131 244 0754]

This study will report the analysis of over 700 responses received to the consultation on the review of the Children's Hearings System. Findings from the consultation will be used to inform Phase 2 of the Review which starts in autumn.

Forthcoming Research Studies

Sure Start Scotland Mapping 2004

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: January 2005

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [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.

Evaluation of the roll-out of Integrated Community Schools

Contractor: To be appointed

Contact: Barry Stalker (0131 244 0740)

The study will evaluate the roll-out of Integrated (previously called New) Community Schools. The Integrated Community Schools approach is one of the Scottish Executive's flagship strategies in promoting social inclusion and raising educational attainment. It embodies the fundamental principle that the potential of all children can best be realised by addressing their needs in the round. The approach therefore requires teachers, health professionals, social workers, community education workers and others to work as an integrated team to meet the needs of the individual child.

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

Contractor: To be appointed

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.

Pre-School to Primary Transitional Support

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: Unspecified

Contact: Fiona McWhannell [0131 244 2652]

Building on previous work undertaken by Schools research into the support for children during the period of transition between pre-school and primary school, review and recommend further development of effective support.

Impact of ASL Legislation

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: unspecified

Contact: Barry Stalker [0131 244 0740]

The aim of this study will be to explore the impact of the Additional Support Needs legislation which will complete the parliamentary process in 2004.

Educational Experience of Asylum Seekers

Contractor: To be appointed

Due Date: unspecified

Contact: Liz Levy [0131 244 7949]

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

Publications

National Evaluation of the New Community Schools Pilot Programme: Final Report (2003)

Sammons P et al (Institute of Education)

Key findings from the national evaluation which explored the extent to which the 37 pilot projects achieved the 'essential' or 'likely' characteristics of NCSs based on the programme goals.

The Costs and Benefits Of Sitter Services (2003)

The SCRE Centre

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

Education & Children, Young People and Social Care

Survey Of The Development And Well-Being Of Children And Adolescents Looked After By Local Authorities In Scotland (2004)

ONS

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

Parents Access to and Demand for Childcare in Scotland (2004)

TNS Social Research

This study interviewed 1,003 parents (of children aged 0-14) throughout Scotland. Parents were asked about their current childcare arrangements, preferences for childcare and reasons for choice.

A Baseline Study of Outcome Indicators for Early Years Policies in Scotland (2004)

CRFR and SCSR

This baseline study aims to evaluate the effectiveness of the range of early years policies currently operating in Scotland in mid 2003, against their core objectives. An indicator study, assessed the effectiveness of the first few years of early years policies by measuring change from 1998 to 2002 across a range of agreed and available indicators. A case study of two contrasting local authority areas, explored ways in which policies have been interpreted and integrated at a local authority level

A Literature Review of the Evidence Base for Culture, the Arts and Sport Policy (2004)

Ruiz J

This Review of research on the social and economic impacts of participation in culture, the arts and sport activities, covers cross-cutting issues such as impacts on social inclusion, health, education, youth offending and regeneration and examines the under-representation of groups such as young people, ethnic minority groups and disabled people in cultural and sport activities. Also covered is the economic and social impact of major events and cultural tourism. The Review highlights gaps in research in these areas.

Effective Interventions: drug misuse

Ongoing Work

Prison Transitional Care Evaluation

Contractor: Stirling University and NFO System Three Social Research

Due Date: January 2006

Contact: Laura Turney [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 Univ and SCSR

Due Date: August 2005

Contact: Laura Turney [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.

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

Contractor: University of Dundee

Due Date: January 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 EIU research team

Due date: March 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.

Publications

Examining the Injecting Preparation Practices of Intravenous Drug Users (2004)

Paisley University

This study examines 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.

Scottish Executive Drug Misuse Research Programme 2004-2007

This document sets out the programme of drug misuse research that the Scottish Executive will support and fund over the next three years.

Working with Young People: A profile of projects funded by the Partnership Drugs Initiative (2004)

Glasgow University, Strathclyde University and SCSR

This report provides interim findings from an evaluation of 17 projects funded in 2001 by the Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) to work with young people.

Effective Interventions: drug misuse

Evaluation of the Scottish Prison Service Transitional Care Initiative Interim Findings — Staff Views of Transitional Care (2004)

Stirling University and NFO System Three Social Research

This is the first in a series of short reports on the findings from an evaluation of the Scottish Prison Service Transitional Care arrangements. This report presents the results of interviews with staff involved in Transitional Care, and provides information about their reviews of the assessment and referral process in particular.

Reducing the Impact of Local Drug Markets: A research review (2004)

Effective Interventions Unit

This report reviews existing evidence on the effectiveness of interventions to reduce the impact of low-level markets and describes some current examples of work in Scotland. It draws on a review of existing international research literature and EIU 'fact-finding' visits to nine local areas in six Scottish forces.

Evaluation of the Scottish Prison Service Transitional Care Initiative. INTERIM FINDINGS — Four Month Client Interviews (2004)

Stirling University and NFO System Three Social Research

This is the second in a series of reports on the evaluation of the Scottish Prison Service Transitional Care arrangements.

Enterprise and Lifelong Learning

Ongoing Work

National Evaluation of Inclusiveness Projects and All-Age Guidance Initiative

*Contractor: Segal Quince Wickstead
Due Date: September 2004*

Contact: Jeanette Hagerstrom [0141 2425454]

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

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: August 2004*

Contact: Esther Saville [01412425786]

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.

National 'English Speaking As Other Language' (ESOL) Strategy: Mapping Exercise and Scoping Study

*Contractor: Catherine Rice, Abertay University
Due date: October 2004*

Contact: Linzie Wood [0141 242 0260]

This research will provide a detailed account of the provision, take up and wider issues affecting ESOL course provision throughout Scotland. The final output will feed into the work of the future partnership that will develop the national strategy. It will also give an indication of what future work is required in this area, and be the foundation stone of future research.

Research on Student Income, Expenditure and Debt in Scotland

*Contractor: Professor Claire Callender, London South Bank University
Due date: May 2005*

Contact: Linzie Wood [0141 242 0260]

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.

Benefits Advice & Transition to Employment: Making the Transition to Work.

Contractor: Scottish Poverty Information Unit, Glasgow Caledonian

Due Date: June 2005

Contact: Jeanette Hagerstrom [0141 2425454]

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.

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

*Contractor: Professor Lyn Tett, Edinburgh University
Due date: July 2005*

Contact: Esther Saville [0141 2425786]

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.

National Evaluation of the Supporting Young People into Employment Initiative

*Contractor: Segal Quince Wickstead
Due Date: September 2004*

Contact: Jeanette Hagerstrom [0141242 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

Forthcoming Research Studies

NEET: Young people not in education, employment or training

Contractor: To be appointed

Contact: Jeanette Hagerstrom [0141 2425454]

The SE is committed to reducing the number of young people not in education, employment or training – the NEET group. This research involves an international literature review of the NEET group in order to inform policy on how to tackle the issues of this group.

Entitlements to Learning for those Leaving Care

Contractor: To be appointed

Contact: Esther Saville [0141 2425786]

The aim of this research will be to explore whether participation in post compulsory learning by care leavers would be increased if tuition and maintenance support was offered on an entitlement basis rather than a guaranteed or discretionary one.

An Evaluation of Individual Learning Accounts (ILA) Scotland

Contractor: To be appointed

Contact: Esther Saville [0141 2425786]

A thorough evaluation of attitudes and outcomes will be undertaken seeking feedback from learners, learning providers and other stakeholders. This is part of a programme of research being undertaken on the scheme.

Publications

The Elusive Nature of the Learning Society: a Profile of Adult Participation in Education and Training in Scotland (2004)

Professor Maria Slowey (Glasgow University)

An in-depth analysis of the Scottish sample of a UK-wide survey on adult participation in learning. The analysis presents a demographic breakdown of results and considers issues such as motivation to learn and access to learning.

Modern Apprenticeships: Improving Completion Rates (2004)

Gallacher J, Whittaker S & Crossan B (CRL)

This research looks 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.

Environmental Justice

Ongoing Work

Environmental incivilities: Scottish Social Attitudes survey

Contractor: Scotcen

Due Date: April 2005

Contact: Stephen Sinclair [0131 244 4943]

A module of 40 questions in the 2004 Scottish Social Attitudes Survey has 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.

Investigating Environmental Justice in Scotland: links between measures of environmental quality and social deprivation

Contractor: SNIFFER / Prof. Gordon Walker (Staffordshire University), Dr. Gordon Mitchell (University of Leeds)

Due Date: December 2004

Contact: Stephen Sinclair [0131 244 4943]

The SE is co-funding research with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), and Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) to examine 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 compares 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 will be used to demonstrate any such patterns. The project will undertake analyses of:

Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) and European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) sites

Quarries

Woodland

Landfill sites

Greenspace

Poor river water quality

Air quality

Derelict land

Publications

Public Attitudes To The Environment In Scotland (2002)

Kerstin Hinds, Katriona Carmichael and Harvey Snowling

Research findings from a survey of public attitudes to the environment carried out in 2002. 4000 people across Scotland were asked their views on a range of topical environmental attitudes.

Survey On Environmental Issues In Scotland (2002)

NFO System Three

Monitoring the impact of the Scottish Executive's communication exercise to improve environmental awareness.

Health, Community Care and Mental Health

Ongoing Work

Community Care

Development of Methods to Measure User and Carer Satisfaction with Single Shared Assessment

Contractor: Infusion Co-operative

Due date: Summer 2004

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131-244-3533]

A project developing reliable methods for measuring user and carer satisfaction with single shared assessment and its outcomes. The development of these methods will contribute to the process of evaluating progress towards the aims of the Joint Future Agenda both locally and nationally.

Support for Employment for People with Learning Disabilities and/ or ASD

Contractor: Dr Julie Ridley

Due date: September 2004

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131-244-3533]

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 will identify examples of good practice and will explore the experiences of those in supported employment, and their families.

Mental health

Mental Health Law Research Programme

Contractor: In-House

Due Date: Ongoing

Contact: Rosemary Rushmer [0131 244 5332]

The Mental Health Research Team 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 consultation on the research programme was carried out in 2003 and a programme of pre-enactment research is now being developed.

Research Literature Review: Mental Health Care and Treatment

Contractor: University of Glasgow

Due Date: December 2004

Contact: Rosemary Rushmer [0131 244 5332]

The review will provide a collation of published evidence on the workings of mental health law in Scotland, updating previous reviews and identifying gaps in the evidence base.

National Programme: Programme of Research and Evaluation

Contractor: In-House

Due Date: Ongoing

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

A programme of research and evaluation is being developed by the mental health research team to support the Executive's National Programme to Improve Mental Health and Well-Being. The research and evaluation strategy (which is updated twice a year) is now published on the [National Programme's website](#):

Suicide and Suicidal Behaviour: Establishing the Territory for a Series of Reviews

Contractor: Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health and Research Unit in Health, Behaviour and Change

Due date: October 2004

Contact: Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

A scoping exercise to co-ordinate information about the interests and areas of expertise of organisations and individuals specialising in suicide-related research, and to establish the territory and focus of a series of reviews to collate the relevant evidence base and identify areas in which reliable and relevant evidence is lacking.

Health, Community Care and Mental Health

The Second National Scottish Survey of Public Attitudes to Mental health, Well being, and Mental Health Problems

Contractor: MORI Scotland

Due Date: October 2004

Contact Angela Hallam [0131 244 2813]

This is the second run of a biennial survey to explore the views of a representative sample of the adult Scottish population on a range of mental health issues. Findings will include comparisons with the survey carried out in 2002.

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.

Health

Survey of Public Attitudes to the National Health Service in Scotland

Contractor: NOP Social and Political with Roy Carr-Hill, University of York

Due date: September 2004

Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131 244 5439]

The survey explores public attitudes to and awareness of NHS services in Scotland in terms of choice, access, public involvement and responsiveness in the context of modernisation following publication of 'Our National Health: A Plan for Action, a Plan for Change'. The survey provides a baseline to be followed up in 2006 and 2008.

Forthcoming research

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

Contractor: to be confirmed

Due date: March 2005

Contact: Ruth Whatling [0131 244 3533]

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.

Evaluation of Well Men Services Pilots

Contractor: to be confirmed

Due date: August 2006

Contact: Sarah Campbell [0131 244 5429]

Pilots are being funded by Health Improvement Strategy Division to promote healthier lifestyles; provide health assessment, advice and support on health and lifestyle issues; and effectively engage all men, in particular those who are hardest to reach as a consequence of social exclusion.

Priorities for **Community Care Research** include:

- 1) Research into the needs of people with sensory impairment, and mapping of relevant training for care workers.
- 2) Research evaluating the impact of free personal care.
- 3) Research evaluating the Joint Future Agenda.
- 4) Evaluation of the implementation and operation of the Single Shared Assessment Indicator of Relative Need (formerly the Resource Use measure)
 - For further details contact *Ruth Whatling [0131-244-3533]*

Health and Community Care

The Mental Health Law Research Programme includes:

- 1) Investigation of levels and trends in use of compulsory treatment under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984
- 2) Work to explore stakeholder experiences of the current Act and expectations of the new Act
- 3) Publication of a research strategy to highlight progress to date and plans for post-enactment research.

- For further details contact *Rosemary Rushmer* [0131 244 5332]

Plans for **Mental Health Research** to support the National Programme include:

- 1) Independent evaluations of the *See Me* national anti-stigma campaign and the *Breathing Space* telephone helpline
 - 2) The launch of a twice yearly research competition to support innovative research able to demonstrate a contribution towards advancing the National Programme agenda.
- For further details contact *Angela Hallam* [0131 244 2813]

Publications

On the Borderline? People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorder in Secure, Forensic and other specialist settings (2004)

Fiona Myers, Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health

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.

Older people in Scotland: results from the Scottish Household Survey 1999-2002 (2004)

Gillian Raab, Napier University, and Charlotte MacDonald

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.

Older people and community care in Scotland: a review of recent research (2004)

Charlotte MacDonald

A 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 also explores national and international examples of good practice in this field.

Review of the Implementation of Part 5 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000: a Qualitative Study of Implementation and Early Operation (2004)

Heather Wilkinson, Fran Wasoff and Anne Mason, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships

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.

Consultation on the Mental Health Law Research Programme (2003)

Hallam A

Paper to introduce the Executive's programme of mental health law research and seek the views of stakeholders on the major issues and perspectives that should be reflected in the development of the research programme

Health and Community Care

Mental Health Officer Services: Structures and Supports (2003)

McCollam A, McLean J, Gordon J and Moodie, K, Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health

Research to investigate current models of mental health officer service provision in Scotland and the readiness of local authorities to respond to the demands of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 and the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Research Review on Tackling Delayed Discharge (forthcoming 2004)

Gill Hubbard, Scottish School of Primary Care

Review of delayed discharge action plans and other relevant information to identify initiatives to tackle delayed discharge in Scotland. Review of existing evidence on the nature and extent of the problem and on good practice in tackling delayed discharge.

Research to investigate current models of mental health officer service provision in Scotland and the readiness of local authorities to respond to the demands of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 and the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

Housing and Regeneration

Ongoing Work

Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Health

Contractor: University of Edinburgh with NFO System Three

Due Date: 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

Scottish Executive Central Heating Programme: Assessing Impacts on Fuel Poverty

Contractor: Alembic Research

Due Date: 2005

Contact: Rebekah Widdowfield [0131 244 7570]

Research to measure the extent to which the beneficiaries of the Central Heating Programme are removed from fuel poverty and its effects or have their degree of fuel poverty reduced.

Assessing the Development and Implementation of the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund

Contractor: Tribal HCH

Due Date: 2005

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. A number of topic reports are being produced over the duration of the contract.

Review of RSI Prison Projects

Contractor: Reid-Howie Associates

Due Date: September 2004

Contact: Richard Evans [0131 244 7625]

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

Forthcoming Research Studies

Housing Support Services to Refugees: A Service Specification for Local Authorities in Scotland

Contractor: to be appointed

Contact: Elizabeth McNeill [0131 244 7822]

To develop a model service specification for use by Local Authorities, detailing the needs which housing and support services must address in order for refugees to access accommodation and live independently in the community.

For further details about housing and regeneration research within the Scottish Executive please contact Dr Rebekah Widdowfield on (0131) 244 7570, e mail rebekah.widdowfield@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Publications

The Role of Mediation in Tackling Neighbour Disputes and Anti-Social Behaviour (2003)

Alison P Brown, Aileen Barclay, Richard Simmons, Susan Eley, University of Stirling

Compares the costs and effectiveness of mediation and legal remedies in tackling disputes between neighbours and anti-social behaviour as well as the reasons why some people refuse mediation.

Gypsies/Travellers in Scotland. The Twice Yearly Counts – No. 4: July 2003 (2004)

Research Consultancy Services

The fourth in a series of short reports on the twice-yearly counts of mobile Gypsies/Travellers, on sites and in encampments

Evaluation of People's Juries and People's Panels in Social Inclusion Partnerships (forthcoming 2004)

RDS Consultancy Services in association with Craigforth and Clarity

Evaluates the use of People's Panels and People's Juries in SIPs with particular reference to their effectiveness as mechanisms for increasing community engagement.

Rural Affairs

Ongoing work

Scoping Study: Critical Factors in the Success of One-Stop Shops as a Model of Service Delivery within Rural Locations

Contractor: Frank Rennie, UHI

Due Date: Summer 2004

Contact: Sharon Reid (0131 244 6500)

The aim of this study is to explore the critical factors in the success of one-stop shops as a model of service delivery within rural areas; to present a wider understanding of the national and international developments in this field.

Publications

Living in Scotland: An Urban-Rural Analysis of the Scottish Household Survey (2003)

SEERAD, Social Research Branch with assistance from the Scottish Agricultural College

This report explored the demographic and socio-economic differences and similarities in urban and rural Scotland, based upon an analysis of data from the 1999-2000 Scottish Household Survey (SHS).

Innovative Ways of Delivering Services in Rural Scotland: A Good Practice Guide (2003)

Jon Pickering

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.

Transport and Planning

Ongoing Work

Anti-Social Behaviour on Buses

Contractor: George Street Research

Due Date: November 2004

Contact: Tom Lamplugh [0131 244 0377]

To investigate the extent of anti-social behaviour on buses, its impact and what can be done to tackle it.

Improving Road Safety Education for Children with Additional Support Needs

Contractor: ODS Ltd

Due Date: March 2005

Contact: Tom Lamplugh [0131 244 0377]

To investigate the travel patterns and road safety requirements of children with Additional Support Needs and put forward recommendations on how their needs may be more effectively met through the provision of road safety education

Publications

Monitoring National Minimum Concessionary Fares (2004)

Colin Buchanan & Partners

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.

Transport Provision for Disabled People in Scotland: A Progress Report (2004)

Reid Howie Associates

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.

Scottish Household Survey

Publications

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 NFO Social Research to continue running the survey until the end of 2006. Questionnaire content is reviewed each year; a revised questionnaire was introduced in January 2004.

The latest Scottish Household Survey annual report, Scotland's People: Results from the 2003 Scottish Household Survey and accompanying technical reports were published on 5th August 2004 and can be accessed via the **SHS website**. This year the technical report has been published in three separate sections and titles are as follows: Scottish Household Survey: Methodology 2003/2004, Scottish Household Survey: Fieldwork Outcomes 2003 and Scottish Household Survey: Questionnaire April 2003 to December 2004.

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, volunteering 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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Office of Chief Statistician

The Scottish Executive's Office of the Chief Statistician carries out analysis and produces publications relating to social inclusion and equalities.

Social Focus on Disability 2004

This publication draws together information from various household surveys to present a range of analysis across the main socio-economic domains.

Publications

Index of Deprivation 2004

Building on the recommendations of the 'Long Term Strategy for measuring Deprivation', the Executive has developed an update to the 2003 Interim Index of Deprivation.

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics (2004)

(www.sns.gov.uk) provides a range of information relevant to social justice and areas regeneration issues.

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