

The NHS National Institute for Health Research (NIHR): School for Social Care

A new School for Social Care Research is to be set up within the NIHR. The aim of the School will be to increase the evidence-base for adult social care practice.

The School will undertake primary research on or with the adult social care sector in England. It will cover the delivery of social care by professional and non-professional staff working in both statutory and independent sectors. It will include research by social care professionals as well as academics, and encourage the active involvement of service users and their carers.

Professional social work will be a major focus, but it will not be the sole disciplinary resource for the School.

Its work will need to draw on a wide range of academic disciplines and methodologies.

The School will receive funding of £3m per annum for five years in the first instance and comprise a small group of intramural researchers already working in the field of social care, and a larger body of extramural associates.

Further information is available at: http://www.nihr.ac.uk/programmes/school_for_social_care_research.aspx

SSRG Event: SSRG Annual Workshop 2009

*Monday 20th Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd April 2009
Chancellors Conference Centre, University of Manchester*

At the July Executive Committee meeting we discussed the idea of focussing on research, policy, performance and practice issues relating to 'person- centred care' and 'outcomes' which are high on the government's agenda.

Other suggested topics were the Place Survey; Research Capacity, Knowledge Transfer, the Electronic Social Care Record and Safeguarding

Speakers confirmed so far are Andrew Cozens from IDeA and colleagues from the NHS Information Centre will be participating on at least one of the three days. We will be putting out a 'call for papers' in October.

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