PLANEX is a bibliographic database which offers a unique collection of quality resources on social work.

It is produced in the UK and its content, abstracts and terminology are tailored to the interests of the UK’s academic community.

PLANEX can help you keep up to date with the latest developments in this subject area and provides resources to support research and coursework.

Our social work coverage looks at policy and practice from the European, national, regional and local perspective.

More specifically, the social work coverage includes: child protection; adult safeguarding; care planning and management; risk assessment; learning disabilities; mental health; parenting and family support; personalisation; independent living; substance misuse; social work roles; and joint working.

We also cover related subjects, including social exclusion, welfare, public health and health inequalities.

The database has limited full text access to journal articles and links to your university’s subscription content via link resolvers. It also provides quick and easy access to online research reports via links.

What’s available?

Key Journals

We summarise material from a range of key social work journals, including:

- British Journal of Social Work
- Child and Family Social Work
- Health and Social Care in the Community
- British Journal of Learning Disabilities
- Journal of Integrated Care
- Community Practitioner
- Ageing and Society
- Mental Health and Social Inclusion
- Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law
- Journal of Adult Protection
- Journal of Children’s Services
- Journal of Social Work
Grey literature is one of the database’s main strengths, and we source content from a range of organisations, including government departments, think tanks, charities, consultancies and university departments.

Here are some key organisations from which we source social work research:

> Social Care Institute for Excellence
> NICE Collaborating Centre for Social Care
> College of Social Work
> British Association of Social Workers
> Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services
> Department of Health
> Care Quality Commission
> Carers UK
> Action for Children
> Think Local Act Personal
> Social Care Workforce Research Unit
> Personal Social Services Research Centre
> Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People
> NatCen for Social Research
> Family and Parenting Institute

PLANEX also includes case studies and discussion of social work policy and practice in other countries, especially within Europe.

What’s in an abstract?

Our abstracts are written by our UK team, and keywords reflect social work terminology in use in the UK.

Abstracts include the headline findings from research and recommendations for policy and practice, making it easier for you to identify material which is relevant to your research question.

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