

PLANEX Database

Quick Guide: Adult Social Care Resources



The UK's best database on adult social care...

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

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 adult social care coverage looks at policy and practice from the national, regional and local perspective.

More specifically, the adult social care coverage includes: personalisation; social work roles;

joint working; adult safeguarding; care planning and management; risk assessment; learning disabilities; mental health; substance misuse; parenting and family support; service commissioning; dementia; community budgets; independent living; direct payments; and supported and extra care housing.

We also cover related topics, including social exclusion, welfare, children's services, public health, housing, and management and leadership.

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 adult social care journals, including:

- British Journal of Social Work
- Journal of Adult Protection
- Ageing and Society
- British Journal of Learning Disabilities
- Health and Social Care in the Community
- Journal of Integrated Care
- Quality in Ageing and Older Adults
- Working with Older People
- Community Practitioner
- Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law
- Mental Health and Social Inclusion



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 adult social care research:

- > Social Care Institute for Excellence
- > NICE Collaborating Centre for Social Care
- > Department of Health
- > Care Quality Commission
- > Public Health England
- > Kings Fund
- > Nuffield Trust
- > Skills for Care
- > Think Local Act Personal
- > Social Care Workforce Research Unit
- > Dementia Services Development Centre
- > Personal Social Services Research Centre
- > National Centre for Independent Living
- > Centre for Policy on Ageing
- > ADASS

PLANEX also includes case studies and discussion of adult social care 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 adult social care 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.

Other useful resources for adult social care information

- > [UK National Statistics: Health and Social Care](#)
- > [Health & Social Care Information Centre statistics](#)
- > [National Adult Social Care Intelligence Service data](#)
- > [Social Care Institute for Excellence eLearning resources](#)
- > [Public Health England: Social care, adults and older people](#)
- > [SCIE Dementia Gateway](#)

How to access PLANEX

Students and staff can access PLANEX via the library resources page or direct by following the link on this page <http://information-service.idoxgroup.com> and selecting 'Log in via your home institution', which allows you to select your university and log in using your institutional login.

The first time you login, you will be prompted to fill in a registration form with your name, email address and course/department, and you will then be sent a validation email to allow you to start using the database.



Need more help?

Our user guide with instructions on searching the database, with screenshots, is available to download from the PLANEX site above the search box.

You can also contact the university library for support and advice.