INTRODUCTION to Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

SCIE's resources are used by people who deliver, commission and use care services. It provides up to date resources to support decision making, caring and best practice.

Log onto [http://www.scie.org.uk](http://www.scie.org.uk)

SCIE homepage is constantly being updated to include hot topics.

A good way to gain an understanding of the content of SCIE is to browse.
Hover over the heading bar to identify sub groups.

Click on any one of them to find more information.

Other headings include:

SCIE also has Social Care TV. Scroll down to the bottom of any page and click on
You are presented with the SCIE library of videos that are easy to watch in bite size chunks. They can also include downloadable supporting materials. These videos are aimed at social workers, care workers, managers and commissioners.

You can watch Social Care TV on the SCIE website, or via YouTube and you can view it out and about on your mobiles and tablets, as well as on your desktop computers.

To access SCIE’s online database scroll to the bottom of any page and click on Social Care Online.
Here you will find information and research on all aspects of social care and social work, which is updated daily and contains around 150,000 records from the 1980s onwards.

Social Care Online is free to search but to use all of its features you will need a Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) account. If you do not have a SCIE account, please use the Register/sign in link once you have registered, you can return to Social Care Online and login using the details you registered with.

Basic Standard Searching
The search will be in many ways familiar to users of well-known internet search engines. Choose your main search terms and enter them into the search box, e.g. asthma as shown below. An ‘intellisense’ feature analyses text as it is typed in and provides shortcuts to relevant searches. Social Care Online will automatically identify the main terms in your search and return results based on these.

Type your search term. As you type suggested topics/terms and titles of resources appear in the drop down list. Use speech marks “” to search a phrase. Note: these are automatically included if you select a Social Care Online subject term from the scroll down list.

If you click on more information:
- Link to full text of the resource if freely available
- Subject terms are used to capture the key elements of the topic of a document. Link for information about a term and to search on related resources for that term

The summary record gives the reference and a few lines of the abstract. More information shows the full record and additional information about the record.

Resource type and availability: see key to icons on page 6

Total number of records found
Link to all resources on Social Care Online by specific Authors or Publisher

Key Icons

Each record has a symbol to indicate the type of resource it is and if the full resource is freely available or not.

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Refining search results

Filters allow you to limit your results by the following:
Example: Filtering search results using more than one filter

These search results have been filtered by the Format type book and the Publication year 2013

Search results for 'looked after children'

Click on the X to remove a filter. Use the Clear all filters button (at the top of the Filter results list) to undo all the filters you have used. The search results will revert back to the original number retrieved when you first ran the search.

You can also use an asterisk as a wildcard, so car* would also find care, card, cart, etc.

One of the new services SCIE offers, is a weekly email alert highlighting new content on topics of interest to you.

Email alerts are free - you just need a SCIE account and to carry out an Advanced Search in order to subscribe to them. Follow these basic steps:

1. Go to Social Care Online
2. Register or Sign in to your SCIE account
3. Carry out an Advanced Search using a term or combination of terms
4. Name and save your Advanced Search
5. Select the Saved Search by checking the box in the left-hand column
6. Using the Action Menu - select Subscribe to selected
7. Click on Go - a tick will appear in the Subscribed column next to your saved search.
You can unsubscribe to alerts, change or delete your saved searches at any time.

Enjoy.

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