

An introduction to SCIE's work

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Challenges

- Becoming a trusted source of knowledge in social care
- Useful and usable products
- Beyond the bookshop and the web

A trusted source of knowledge

- Inclusive
- Comprehensive
- Rigorous
- Open
- Some examples
 - Knowledge reviews – fostering success, teaching and learning communication skills, types and quality of knowledge, position paper on user participation
 - Socialcareonline – re-development and expanded content

Useful and useable products

- Ownership
- Translation
- Design
- Some examples
 - Foster care practice guide
 - Resource guide – teaching and learning in social work education
 - The Road Ahead website

Beyond the bookshelf and the web

- Active dissemination
- Support for implementation
- e-Learning

Developing a SCIE product

- 8 work programme themes; several projects within each theme
- Scope
 - What is the key question?
 - Where is the knowledge?
 - Who are the stakeholders?
- Commission
 - Description and timetable for work to be done

Developing a SCIE product

- Quality assure
 - Is the work reliable, of good quality?
- Commission
 - Description and timetable for work to be done
- Publish
- Test and support implementation
 - Is it useful?
 - How does it help services to improve?

Looking ahead

- Building the relationship – input into SCIE's work and work programme
- Dissemination and the practice partners' network
- Specific work on social care governance

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