



About SCIE: for students/ social work education

Supporting you in teaching and learning

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The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) supports the transformation of social care by identifying and transferring knowledge about good practice. We ensure that the experiences and expertise of people who use services, their carers and workers are reflected in all aspects of our work.

Established in 2001, we are an independent charity, funded by the Department of Health, Department for Children, Schools and Families, and the devolved administrations in Wales and Northern Ireland. We support care services for adults, children and families and we work collaboratively with partners at national and regional levels.

'SCIE is a central point for social work knowledge, its development and dissemination. It is a key organisation promoting the contemporary social work workforce and its positive contribution to society.'

Debbie Ford, Senior Lecturer, Edge Hill University

Congratulations!

You've taken the first steps on your social work journey

There are over 1.5 million people employed in social care in the UK.

SCIE is committed to supporting these hard-working and talented people.

Better knowledge for better practice

We know that your time is precious and there is a blizzard of information out there, so for all the latest information in social care, look no further than SCIE.

Our resources directly reflect the core curriculum for social work training – including communication skills, participation, assessment, law and human growth and development.

The SCIE website is a one-stop-shop for free social care information and good practice guidance.

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SCIE is here to help you throughout what we are sure will be a very exciting, rewarding and challenging career.



'For every module in the social work degree there was a SCIE resource that helped me gain a better understanding of the subject.'

Karen Burrell, newly qualified social worker, Birmingham

You can trust SCIE

SCIE is the authoritative voice in social care. We ensure that we have reliable evidence through rigorous research to back up what we say. The majority of our social work education resources are written by leading academics and social work degree lecturers, so you can be confident that they were written with your needs in mind.

We believe that the students of today will shape the future of social care. Excellent social care depends on a skilled workforce that places continuous learning and innovation at the centre of social care transformation. SCIE has a wide range of free resources covering workforce, children's and adults' services. Our resources are intended to inform and improve practice across social work education, benefiting students and lecturers alike.

One of our core values is a commitment to participation. This means ensuring that everyone who has a stake in social care is able to influence, take part in and remain at the heart of SCIE's work.

Good Practice Framework

SCIE's Good Practice Framework is a web-based audit tool that helps you to:

- audit your practice
- link to the evidence base
- share effective practice and find out what others are doing.

Access the tool via the SCIE website: www.scie.org.uk

Social Work Education Participation (SWEP) website

SWEP aims to share current practice around the participation of people who use services and carers in social work education. Register on the SWEP website to share your experiences and get involved in making social work real.

www.socialworkeducation.org.uk



Social Care Online

Social Care Online is the UK's most extensive free database covering all aspects of social care study – the essential tool for you throughout your course.

Key features

Free

- The Social Care Online database gives free access to over 110,000 social care resources to support your studies.

Latest information

- New content is added daily so you can always find the latest information on new and innovative practice, policy, guidance, legislation, and research. There are lots of ways to search and browse the content.

Email alerts

- Register with My Social Care Online – then let us do the work! You will receive email alerts on the topics that are of interest to you.

Alternative perspectives

- User and carer perspectives let you know how services impact on their lives.

Good practice

- Use Social Care Online to support you throughout your course.

Spanning over 30 years, Social Care Online provides a good understanding of how social care in the UK has developed and changed over the years: www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk

The screenshot shows the Social Care Online website interface. At the top, there is a logo for 'Social Care Online' with the tagline 'better knowledge for better practice' and the 'scie' logo. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: 'home', 'my Social Care Online', 'feedback', 'contact us', 'help', and 'site map'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Browse and search' section with links for 'About Social Care Online', 'What's new?', 'Log resources', 'Events list', 'Other resources', 'About policies and registration', and 'Log out'. The right column is titled 'Browse topics' and contains a list of topics with expand/collapse icons and document counts. The topics listed are: 'families, children and young people (10)', 'babies (503)', 'child care (2656)', 'child day care (457)', 'child development (1400)', 'adolescence (1143)', 'child support (100)', 'children (10811)', 'contact (573)', 'families (9875)', 'family members (8110)', 'family relations (2735)', 'parenting (1814)', and 'professionals (762)'. There is also a 'Combine topics' section with a search box and a 'Search' button. At the bottom right, there are sections for 'children - notes' and 'children - related terms' with links to various sub-topics.

'Social Care Online is a good place to find journals directly related to your chosen topic.'

Charlene Andrews, social work degree student, University of Ulster

e-Learning

SCIE strongly believes in using e-learning as an approach to developing training resources that are interesting and fun to use. e-Learning resources can be made easily available to a wide audience over the internet.

To do this we use a range of media types – video, audio, text and image – and users are encouraged to interact actively with content.

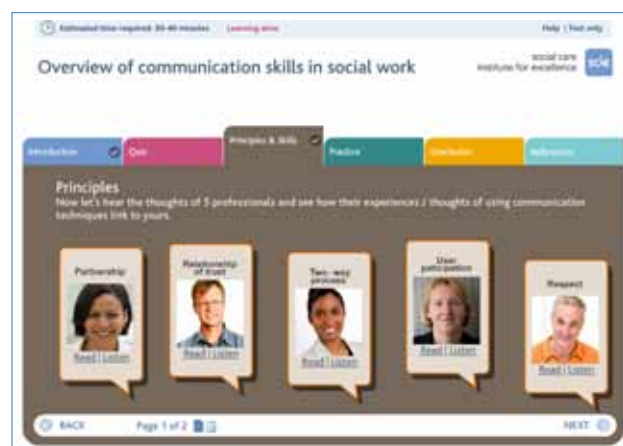
All the e-learning resources SCIE has developed since 2007 can be accessed free of charge from the SCIE website: www.scie.org.uk

SCIE's e-learning resources

- Managing risk, minimising restraint
- The open dementia programme
- Interprofessional and inter-agency collaboration
- Law and social work (updated 2009)
- Communication skills
- Children of prisoners
- An introduction to residential child care
- Poverty, parenting and social exclusion
- An introduction to the mental health of older people.

New e-learning titles

- Personalisation
- Parental mental health and child welfare
- Knowledge management
- Sexual and reproductive health and abuse.





Social Care TV

Social Care TV is a new broadband channel for everyone involved in the social care sector. It aims to bring to life the work and lives of people involved in all aspects of social care, through a mix of multimedia programmes and e-learning resources. This site offers access to video-based training resources, and general interest programmes, reflecting the issues, challenges and rewards in current social care practice.

The online nature of Social Care TV means you can choose what to watch when you want to watch it. You can search for programmes by subject area or take a look at our 'pick of the day' for new suggestions.

Log on to Social Care TV at www.scie.org.uk/socialcaretv


Social Care TV topics

- Dementia
- Safeguarding vulnerable adults
- Personalisation
- Children of prisoners
- Seldom-heard groups
- Safeguarding vulnerable children
- Days in the life...

Topics coming soon

- The needs of children with complex health needs
- Nutritional care for older people
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Principles of participation
- Gay and lesbian perspectives on social care
- Assistive technologies – ethical code – issues
- Managing risk, minimising restraint
- Parental mental health and child welfare





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demo cd**

All SCIE's resources and publications are free of charge. Download or order them from SCIE's website

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All resources are available in alternative formats upon request.

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