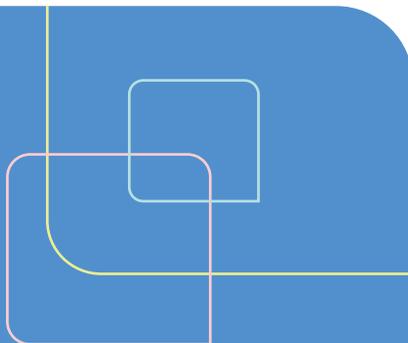


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## Our mission

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.



## Our vision

We will be an increasingly influential and authoritative voice, recognised by the Government, opinion formers and the public as a champion for high-quality social care and service innovation. We will tackle the high-profile, developing and challenging issues that the sector faces.

## Our approach

During 2008–11, we will develop and deliver a robust, clear framework for the identification and dissemination of knowledge. This good practice framework will:

- capture and co-produce knowledge about good practice
- communicate knowledge, evidence and innovation
- catalyse change.

'SCIE is a vital source of information, advice and good practice examples for social care providers and is an essential resource for any independent sector organisation hoping to develop its staff and improve the quality of its services.'

**Martin Green, Chief Executive, English Community Care Association (ECCA)**



## Our principles

SCIE strives to be:

- **authoritative:** we ensure that there is good evidence from research and other reliable sources for what we say
- **responsive:** we work nationally and regionally with partners to understand the sector's needs and to respond effectively
- **people-centred:** we involve people who use services, children, parents and carers in designing the services we provide
- **accessible:** we reflect the diversity of the UK in our work and strive to make our resources accessible to our stakeholders
- **transparent:** we are open and accountable to our sponsors and our stakeholders

- **impartial:** we express our judgement independently

- **collaborative:** we seek out and promote partnerships with other organisations to realise our joint objectives for social care.

## Our priorities

We have three strategic priorities for 2008–11:

- Support the transformation of social care services to enable adults to lead full and independent lives
- Support the delivery of services to transform the lives of families and their children
- Raise the status of social care through a workforce that learns and innovates.

## Transformation of services for adults

We will:

- identify and promote practice that personalises services and enhances or maintains independence
- provide practical resources that address barriers to independence and challenge poor or ineffective practice
- support the sector leadership to manage transformation – including commissioners and providers
- increase our support for and communication with private and voluntary sector care providers
- prioritise projects which support integration between social care and health.

We will deliver these priorities by:

- working collaboratively with existing networks to deliver a work programme in the nine regions in England
- working collaboratively with inspectorates, care councils, care providers and regional partnerships in Northern Ireland
- working with the Social Services Improvement Agency in Wales to deliver SCIE products and services.

## Support for children's and families' services

We will:

- support the new Centre for Excellence and Outcomes in children's and young people's services. As a member of the consortium managing the Centre, we will be responsible for sharing the knowledge developed
- develop resources that support good practice in: the transition from children's to adults' services; children in care; disabled children; parents and the whole family.

We will deliver these priorities by working with the Centre for Excellence and Outcomes to build regional and local capacity, with a focus on systems change.

## A workforce that learns and innovates

We will:

- focus on the quality of leadership and commissioning
- support the development of a skills academy for social care
- develop proposals for a new, high-status social care journal.

We will deliver these priorities by supporting the development of learning communities for social care at national, regional and local level.

## SCIE's services

SCIE identifies what works in social care practice and translates the knowledge into accessible, practical resources including:

- practice guides for managers, practitioners and students
- e-learning resources
- online self-audit tools
- research briefings on developing issues.



'SCIE offers practical and valuable advice from the top down. We have learned considerably from its resources and toolkits.'

**Maxine Wrigley, Chief Executive,  
A National Voice**