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# Social Care Institute for Excellence

- Part of government's strategy to improve social care
- Started work in 2001
- Funded by government but independent charity

# SCIE's role

- Establish a knowledge base for social care
- Identify what works
- Produce guidance for policy and practice
- Disseminate good practice
- Support its implementation

# SCIE Northern Ireland

- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety – service level agreement
- Board of Trustees
- Partners' Council
- Northern Ireland reference group

# Work programme themes

- Adults' services
- Children and families' services
- E-learning
- People management

- Social Care Online
- Social work education
- Stakeholder participation
- Using knowledge in social care

# SCIE's products

- Knowledge review
- Report
- Position paper
- Research briefing
- Practice guide
- Resource guide

# Networks

- Practice Partners
- Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare Network
- People Management



# SCIE's current work in Northern Ireland

- Social care governance in Northern Ireland
- Recognising, understanding and meeting children's emotional and developmental needs focusing on residential child care
- Looking to the future, stage 2

# Social care governance

- Clinical governance established concept in health care less familiar in social care
- Hardly any specific literature – state of knowledge is emergent rather than established
- Northern Ireland is leading in looking at how to define undertake and develop social care governance
- Resource guide will explain concept of social care at corporate and practitioner level and provide practical examples of social care governance to support consistent approach

# Recognising, understanding and meeting children's emotional and developmental needs focusing on residential child care

- Primary focus on Northern Ireland
- Research review
- Practice survey
- Knowledge review – integrating the messages of the review and survey
- Analytical report – implications of research for practice putting key messages into practice
- Practice guide

# Looking to the future, stage 2

- Project to identify important features of social work and social care that need to be kept in new structures
- Stage 1 brought together the work of over 1000 studies
- Developing social care: Past, present and future
- Review of public administration
- Stage 2 - how to build in and sustain service user improvement in social care services – including work specifically related to NI

# Promoting SCIE's work in Northern Ireland

## Events

- Launch - May 2005
- Fostering launch - November 2005
- Social Care Online workshop - July 2005
- Working with you roadshows – Derry in March 2006, Armagh in June 2006

# Direct promotion

- Introductory pack to every social work student in Northern Ireland
  - Information about SCIE including a CD Rom of all SCIE's publications
- Letter to everyone registered with NISCC and to all new registrants

# Social care research capacity consultation

SCIE is undertaking a UK wide consultation about strengthening social care research

We want to know what you think should be done to:

- strengthen social care research both at the UK level & in each of the four countries of the UK
- provide leadership and resources
- create the right organisations & the right structures to support this
- increase awareness & use of research amongst all those working in social care.

Consultation from early July for 3 months – access via our website: **[www.scie.org.uk](http://www.scie.org.uk)**

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