

# "Getting Evidence into Practice: Improving Standards in Research and Evaluation across Social Care and Health"

## *Timetable*

10.30: Welcome Margaret Thomson SSRG Scotland Convener

10.35: Chairs Introduction: Getting Evidence into Practice: Issues for ADSW  
Harry Garland, Director Orkney Social Services and Convener, ADSW Standards, Training and Research Standing Committee  
Harry will discuss the importance ADSW gives to research and evidence based practice.

10.50: Rigour and RESPECT: Codes of Good Practice and Ethical Frameworks Sally Dench, Institute for Employment Studies  
Sally will discuss the ethical issues that should be addressed in a code of practice, and the development of a EU framework (The RESPECT project has been funded by the European Commission's Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme, to draw up professional and ethical guidelines for the conduct of socio-economic research)

11.30: Research Governance: Principles and Practice  
Martin Stevens and Chris Rainey SEARIG  
The Department of Health's Research Governance Framework for Health and Social Care (RGF) sets out standards of good practice in the conduct of research. Martin and Chris will discuss the key principles behind the RGF and issues for practice.

12.15: Discussion

12.30: Lunch

1.30: Overcoming Barriers in Getting Evidence into Practice: A Conceptual Framework Gill Harvey, University of Manchester  
This presentation will provide an overview of a framework developed by colleagues in Nursing to guide the process of getting research into practice (Kitson et al 1998, Rycroft-Malone et al 2002). Potentially this framework offers an innovative approach to implementing evidence into practice because it challenges some commonly held assumptions whilst aiming to provide some practical assistance to those beginning to plan change strategies.

2.15: Research Utilisation and the Social Care Workforce  
Sandra Nutley and Isabel Walter, University of St Andrews  
Sandra and Isabel will discuss a project that has recently been completed for SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) on research utilisation and the social care workforce. The report of this work should be published by the 28th June.

2.45: Refreshments

3.15: Getting Evidence into Practice: Making Research Count  
Hugh McLaughlin University of Salford and Steve Peddie, Wigan SSD  
Hugh and Steve will discuss the aims of Making Research Count (MRC), the establishment of a MRC site identifying problems and possibilities, what's in it for each of the partners - hopes and aspirations and plans for real world research and evidence dissemination next year.

4.00: Discussion: Making Research Count in Scotland? - Developing an Action Plan  
The aim of this session is to consider whether a framework for getting research into practice could/should be developed in Scotland and how this might be taken forward.

4.30: Depart