

Message from the Chair cont.

there has been some. The main problem has been is lack of resources for the infrastructure of social care research.

There is the possibility of developments in this area, following the Social Care Research Capacity report from SCIE (available from the SCIE website, www.scie.org.uk/publications/reports/report16-summary.pdf). We'll keep you informed and make sure SSRG has an input into these issues.

This newsletter would be a good platform for members wishing to express views about research capacity issue. Research capacity

is of central importance to the overall aims of supporting the production of sound evidence to inform the development of policy and practice that can lead to improved outcomes. Further, sound infrastructure for research is a key factor promoting ethical research practice. Consequently, I would encourage members to express thoughts and ideas about the issue in this and other arenas.

Here's hoping for a drier and pleasantly warm remainder of the summer...

*Martin Stevens – Chair
SSRG Executive Committee*

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Improving Outcomes: the Results-Based Accountability Approach

Monday 8th October 2007

CoSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh EH12 5XZ

"We want to have an outcomes focus to our performance management but the evidence is, nationally, we're finding this very difficult to reach"

Bernadette Docherty in her Presidential address to the 2007 ADSW Conference

Speakers Confirmed:

Paul Hambleton, Edinburgh City Council and Convener SSRG Scotland; Liz Norton, Care Commission; Mike Pinnock, Hull City Council; Jackie Tiotto, Department for Children, Schools and Families
Other speakers to be confirmed

The programme and booking form will be available in mid-August