



Economics of Social Care Compendium (ESSENCE project)

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Economics of Social Care Compendium

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Examining the economic case for a range of adult social care interventions

There are several ways that you can contribute to the project:

- [Sharing relevant research - published and underway](#)
- [Giving feedback on the ESSENCE Toolkit](#)
- [Providing expert advice](#)
- [Promoting use of the ESSENCE toolkit and of economic evaluation for decision-making more broadly](#)
- [Organising new training events](#)



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Aims:

1. Gather economic evidence on adult social care.
2. Make it available in a form that supports decision making.
3. Improve understanding of economic evaluation through training and learning materials.
4. Identify adult social care interventions where new economic evidence might be generated.

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Current state of the database and next steps

- **First phase** completed April 2019
- **New study (ESSENCE-2)** started June 2020 (duration: 3 years)
- **The team:** Martin Knapp (PI), Michela Tinelli, Annette Bauer, Helen Weatherly (York), Ben Schlaepfer, Magdalena Walbaum, Andrea Ferrante.
- **Aims:** to build on the ESSENCE Toolkit to continue to help decision-makers to make better use of resources in three ways:
 - to find economic evidence and make it available and accessible
 - to support capacity-building in adult social care
 - to identify gaps in the evidence base (and maybe fill some of them)
- **Current focus:** adult social care (but planning to do more in the children's area)

How does the ESSENCE project work?

- Evidence searches are undertaken across a number of databases (e.g. SSCR projects, NICE guidelines, SCIE, etc).
- Evidence is selected for inclusion through an iterative process with the support of our experts.
- **Three components of the ESSENCE toolkit are available online:**
 1. **Individual case summaries** written in non-technical language;
 2. **Searchable database;**
 3. **Glossary of terms and other useful resources** (training, publications, etc).

All the work is completed with support from experts, particularly the Advisory Group

How the project will contribute to identify resource needs

Search for evidence

- We look for studies that measured cost with any degree of breadth:
 - very narrow (resources needed to organise and operate the intervention) or
 - covering all social and health care services
 - covering the whole societal impact.

Organising framework

- We seek to cover as many social care interventions as possible, and for all groups of people who draw on social care support.

How you could help the project

- Telling us about relevant research (published or underway)
- Providing feedback to optimise the layout and contents of the ESSENCE Toolkit
- Providing expert advice (on anything...)
- Raising awareness of the ESSENCE toolkit and promoting its use
- More

... be in contact with the team (www.essenceproject.uk; m.tinelli@lse.ac.uk)