



Ovid Databases for Public
Health and Social Care
Global Health
Social Policy & Practice



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- **A comprehensive database of evidence based practice**
- Abstracts from thousands of journals, books and research reports.
- SPP brings together information from six of the UK's leading collections of social policy and practice resources:

Centre for Policy on Ageing	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Idox Information Service	Social Care Institute for Excellence
National Children's Bureau	Greater London Authority

The continuing information problem

"For many practitioners working in the field of social care or social work access to information is a continuing problem. Work time is dominated by heavy caseloads and there often is a lack of awareness of, and access to, information resources. As a result the practitioner often falls back on the 'quick and dirty' search on Google and is then faced with vast amounts of information, much of it not validated.

Yet enormous benefits could be gained from using specialist bibliographic databases covering social policy and practice to find existing research and practice evidence. To address this issue staff at the Centre were actively involved in facilitating the grouping of these five UK specialist database producers through a major database vendor."

Alan Gomersall, ESRC Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice

COVERAGE

Social Policy and Practice provides one-stop access to key evidence-based research information in a range of multi-disciplinary subjects including:

•Social and public policy	•Physical and learning disabilities
•Social work and social care services	•Education and special educational needs
•Children and young people	•Law
•Adults and older people	•Crime and justice
•Families and parenting	•Homelessness and housing
•Communities and minority groups	•Climate change and environment
•Physical and mental health	•Equality and diversity
•Community and public health	•Workforce development

- 600 UK and International journals indexed – Strong UK focus
- Indexes resources frequently overlooked by other social science sources - including documents and publications from national and regional government departments, public agencies, local authorities, third-sector organisations, consultancy and professional bodies, academic think tanks and research departments.
- Contains over 300,000 bibliographic records and abstracts dating from 1981, with over 24,000 new records added every year,

Social Policy and Practice enables you to locate articles and publications to help you:

to support evidence-based approaches to the health and social assessment of children, adults and older people in the community and in care

to access research-based guidance and practical resources to develop an outcomes focus in social care practice

to avoid bias in systematic reviews and rapid evidence assessments

Six organisations have merged their social policy abstracts to create the most comprehensive database in the UK on social policy and practice with over 300,000 abstracts and records.

Current partners are:

Centre for Policy on Ageing (CPA)

CPA promotes the interests of older people through research, policy analysis and the dissemination of information. Its Ageinfo service is the only specialist database on ageing and older age issues in the UK.

Idox Information Service

Idox Information Service is a comprehensive source of evidence and research for the UK public sector. It supports decision-making and evidence-based practice across a wide range of social policy areas.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity to end child abuse in the UK and Channel Islands. Its database focuses on material covering child abuse and neglect, child protection, and the prevention of child abuse. It joined the Social Policy and Practice database consortium in January 2015.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)

SCIE identifies and disseminates knowledge about good practice in all aspects of social care throughout the UK. It produces Social Care Online, a comprehensive database of social care and social work policy and practice.

SPP also contains archive material from:

National Children's Bureau (NCB)

NCB supports children, young people and families and those who work with them. Its online ChildData resource provides access to an extensive catalogue of material to inform the quality of childcare.

Greater London Authority (GLA)

The GLA supports decision-making by providing policymakers and front-line practitioners across London with information about social, economic and legal matters. In 2012, the GLA stopped contributing to SPP and Idox expanded its coverage to compensate. SPP still contains items contributed by the GLA up to this point.



Global Health

Global health is:

- The premier specialist bibliographic abstracting and indexing database dedicated to public health, completing the picture of international medical and health research by capturing key literature that is not covered by other databases.
 - Derived from over 7,300 journals, reports, books and conferences, Global Health contains over 2.9* million scientific records from 1973 to the present.
 - Almost 170,000 records were added last year.
 - Publications from over 100 countries in 50 languages are abstracted, and all relevant non-English-language papers are translated to give access to research not available through any other database.
 - The database's open serials policy and coverage of international and grey literature means that 40% of material contained in Global Health is unique to the database. Everything from proceedings, theses, electronic-only publications and other hard-to-find sources are included.
 - Global Health has a growing number of full text articles (over 76,900*) from journals, conferences, and reports.
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Why choose Global Health?

Global reach: captures international literature not covered by other databases, providing users with a truly global perspective.

Unique: 54% of the journals contained in Global Health are not in PubMed: around 70% are not in Medline or Embase.

Specifically selected: literature is selected by subject specialists. Only relevant papers are included, and content is directed by an international editorial advisory board.

Comprehensive: the interdisciplinary database covers all aspects of public health at both international and community level, as well as a wealth of material from other biomedical and life science fields

Full-text: Global Health provides selected full-text content of journals, reports and conferences from hard-to-find sources.

Global Health vs other databases



Figure 1 showing unique journal coverage compared to Embase and Medline

Public health	Health promotion and Wellness	Sanitation and water supply	Health systems
Community health	Community health programmes	Nutrition	Health economics
Evidence-based medicine	Disease and injury prevention	Clinical nutrition	Health policy, planning and impact assessment
Health inequalities, social medicine and behaviour	Health communication, incl. social media	Public health nutrition and healthy eating	Health services and surveillance
Healthy ageing	Public health emergencies and preparedness	Nutritional physiology and biochemistry	Chronic diseases and injuries
Maternal, child and adolescent health	Epidemiology and biostatistics	Infectious and vector-borne diseases	Epidemiology of cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases
Refugee, migrant and indigenous health	Epidemiology	and parasitology	Diet influences on chronic diseases
Rural health	Environmental and occupational health	Bacterial and viral diseases	Mental health
Sexual and reproductive health	Environmental health, pollution and climate change	Vaccination and drug resistance	Prevention of chronic disease
Tobacco control	Food fraud, safety and hygiene	Diagnosis and therapy of disease	Screening programmes
Women's health	Occupational health	Infectious, parasitic and chronic diseases	Pharmacology and toxicology

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