## Combining work and care: Workplace support and its contribution to sustainable care arrangements

**Focus of our current work within the Sustainable Care programme:**
The workplace support needed for the wellbeing of working carers; measuring the impact of workplace support for working carers; the role and potential of ‘workplace standard’ schemes; the impact and characteristics of statutory care leave schemes in selected countries outside the UK; and within the UK, the nature and impact of voluntary employer-led care leave arrangements and the working carer schemes they are linked to.

### Our ‘combining work and care’ team
Led by Prof Jason Heyes (U Sheffield) and Prof Janet Fast (U Alberta), this team also includes Dr Kate Hamblin (U Sheffield), Dr Annie Austin (U Sheffield), Katherine Wilson (Employers for Carers), Jacquie Eales (U Alberta) PhD student Camille Allard (U Sheffield), studying employers’ voluntary care leave schemes in the UK, and Katja Knauthe, visiting scholar 2018-19.

### Key publications on combining work and care by Sustainable Care team members
- **Work-care reconciliation policy: legislation in policy context in eight countries** (2017) Yeandle, S. Background paper for German Federal Ministry for Families, Senior Citizens, Women & Youth,
- **Carers, employment and services** (2007) Series of 6 reports, Yeandle, S et al., London: Carers UK.
- Research reports published by our partner Employer for Carers are available [here](#)

### Completed studies by team members relevant to this topic
- **Connecting working caregivers** 2016-17 [AGE-WELL NCE, PI J Fast,]
- **Caregiver-friendly workplace policy interventions on health of caregiver employees** 2014-17 [CIHR, PI J Fast,]
- **Assessing the needs of employed caregivers and employers** 2014-15 [Status of Women Canada, PI J Fast]
- **Estimating costs/benefits of workplace support for family caregivers** 2012-14 [Killam Res. Fund PI J Fast]
- **Older workers and caregiving** 2012-13 [Worldwide Universities Network, PIs S Yeandle, J Fast, H Kendig]
- **Carers, employment and services** 2005-07 [EU EQUAL Action for Carers & Employment, CES PI S Yeandle]

### Other studies our team is involved in on related topics
- **Mobilizing a caregiver-friendly workplace standard: a partnership approach**, CIHR/SSHRC Healthy & Productive Work Partnership Grant 2018-23, PI Prof A Williams, McMaster University, Canada.
- **Maximising workforce participation for older New Zealanders** NZ Endeavour Fund (2018-20), PI Prof F Alpass, Massey University, New Zealand.
- **Workplace-based programme to promote health and self-care behaviours among working family carers**, Irish Health Research Board (2019-21), PI Dr A Lafferty, University College Dublin, Ireland.

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