

Comparing UK care systems: Prospects, developments and differentiation in the four UK nations

Focus of our current work:

The key features of the UK's four care systems; legislated principles of 'wellbeing' and 'prevention' and on sustainable care; changes needed to deliver these principles in the future; system responses to the care needs of culturally diverse ageing population; service and support needs of the (paid and unpaid) care workforce; what learning about sustainability can be applied from other (non-UK) systems?

Our 'comparing UK care systems' team

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Key publications on UK care systems by Sustainable Care team members

- ***The Goldilocks Question: What Size is 'Just Right' for Social Care Organisations?*** (2018) [Glasby, J.](#), [Needham, C.](#), [Allen, K.](#), [Hall, K.](#), and [McKay, S.](#) *International Journal of Care and Caring*, 2 (1), pp. 65-87(23)
- ***Any one of us could be among that number': Comparing the Policy Narratives for Individualized Disability Funding in Australia and England*** (2018) [Needham, C.](#) and [Dickinson, H.](#) (2018) *Social Policy & Administration*, 52 (3), pp. 731-49
- ***Germany's latest reforms of the long-term care system*** (2018) [Hall, P.](#), [Rodrigues, R.](#) and [Schoenberg, L.](#) peer review, EC: Employment Social Affairs and Inclusion
- ***Micro-Enterprise and Personalisation: What Size is Good Care?*** (2016) [Needham, C.](#), [Allen, K.](#) and [Hall, K.](#) Bristol: Policy Press
- ***Real Lives: Listening to the voices of people who use social care*** (2016) [Hall, P.](#), and [Holder, H.](#) Richmond Group of Charities.
- ***Social care for older people: home truths*** (2016) [Humphries, R.](#), [Thorlby, R.](#), [Holder, H.](#), [Hall, P.](#) and [Charles, A.](#) London: The King's Fund and Nuffield Trust.
- ***Debates in Personalisation*** (2014) [Needham, C.](#) and [Glasby, J.](#) (eds) Bristol: Policy Press

Completed studies relevant to this topic

- ***Micro-enterprises in Social Care (2013-15)*** [Funding: ESRC] Project run with Social Care Institute for Excellence and Shared Lives Plus. PI: Needham
- ***Evaluation of use of lay visitors for home care with Age UK Lewisham and Southwark (2012-15)*** [Funding: Esmee Fairbairn Foundation] PI: Needham
- Funding to facilitate international comparative research on the theme: ***"Paying for care: comparing the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme to the English system of personal budgets"***. (2015) [Funding: Dyason Fellowship, University of Melbourne] PI: Needham

Other studies our team is involved in on related topics

- ***NIHR School for Social Care Research (2019-2024)*** PI: Needham
- ***Personalisation, Choice and Control and Care Act Implementation (2017-2019)*** [Funding: Department of Health, Policy Research Programme] PI: Needham
- ***Shifting Shapes: how can local care markets support quality and choice for all (2016-2019)*** [Funding: Department of Health, Policy Research Programme] PI: Needham

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