

Modelling care system costs and contributions: Data for a sustainable care and wellbeing strategy

Focus of our current work:

Contributions and costs of care and how these are distributed between the state, individuals and employers; the sustainability of care costs and contributions under different change scenarios, in terms of both financial and social sustainability; the impact of changes in Adult Social Care funding in England on the wellbeing of care users, carers and other stakeholders; the implications of these for the sustainability of the care system; what can be learned from other countries with experience of measuring, modelling and attempting to reconfigure caring costs and contributions?

Our 'modelling care system costs and contributions' team

Led by **Dr Matt Bennett** (U Birmingham) and **Prof Janet Fast** (U Alberta), this team also includes **Dr Yanan Zhang** (U Birmingham).

Key publications on modelling care system costs and contributions by Sustainable Care team members

- **The availability and use of flexible work arrangements and caregiving leaves: Lessons learned about policies and practice** (2018) Lero, D., & Fast, J. E. *Journal of Law & Equity* 14: 1-31
- **Caregiving for older adults with disabilities: Present costs, future challenges.** (2015) Fast, J. Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy, <http://irpp.org/research-studies/study-no58/>
- **The availability, accessibility and effectiveness of workplace supports for Canadian caregivers** (2012) Lero, D., Spinks, N., Fast, J., & Tremblay, D-G. Final report to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Gatineau, PQ
- **The intersection of caregiving and employment** (2012) Fast, J., Dosman, D., Lero, D., & Lucas, S. Final report to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Gatineau, PQ
- **The case for social care reform: the wider economic and social benefits** (2010) Glasby J., Ham C., Littlechild R. & McKay S. Birmingham: Health Services Management Centre/Institute of Applied Social Studies for the Department of Health/Downing Street

Completed studies relevant to this topic

- **Estimating the costs and benefits of workplace support for family caregivers.** 2012-2014 [Killam Research Fund Cornerstone Grants Program]
- **Assessing the needs of employed caregivers and employers** (in partnership with Alberta Caregivers Association) 2014-2015 [Status of Women Canada]
- **Older workers and caregiving** 2012-2013 [Worldwide Universities Network Research Development Fund and Research Mobility Fund]

Other studies our team is involved in on related topics

- **The Impact of Ethnic Diversity on Wellbeing and Health** 2017-2020 Hewstone, M., Ramos, M., Bennett, M. & Massey, D. [Nuffield Foundation Open Door]
- **Exploring the relationship between ethnic heterogeneity, intergroup relations and stress** 2018-2020 Hewstone, M., Ramos, M. & Bennett, M. [ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative]
- **Care-related out-of-pocket spending and caregiving consequences: results from a Canadian population-based study** (2017) Shooshtari, S., Duncan, K.A., Roger, K., Fast, J., Han, J. (2017) *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, pp1-16.
- **Care-related out-of-pocket expenditures in Canada** (2016) Duncan, K. A., Shooshtari, S., Roger, K., Fast, J., & Han, J. *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning*, 27(2), 277-96.
- **Valuing carers: The rising value of carers' support** Buckner, L. & Yeandle, S. (2015), London: Carers UK.
- **Caregiving for older adults with disabilities: Present costs, future challenges** (2015) Fast, J. Montreal: Institute for Research on Public Policy.
- **A taxonomy of the economic costs of family care to adults** (2014) Keating, N., Fast, J., Lero, D., Lucas, S., & Eales, J. *Journal of the Economics of Aging* 3:11–20.

To connect with this team and its work

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- Visit our webpage <http://circle.group.shef.ac.uk/portfolio/modelling-care-system-costs-and-contributions/>

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