



An overview of the ESHCRU programme

ESHCRU – why was it set up?



Policy-making in the health and social care sectors aims to improve people's health and wellbeing. Policy makers must also treat people fairly, regardless of their background or where they live, and ensure they secure value-for-money for the tax payer.

Established in 2010, the Economics of Social and Health Care Research Unit - ESHCRU - informs and supports policy makers by providing them with high quality, robust and relevant research.



What do we do?

Economics is about how to use scarce resources – like staff, buildings and equipment – to achieve particular objectives. ESHCRU uses Economics to help to tackle problems in health and social care.

The ESHCRU [research programme](#) addresses three aspects of social and health care systems:

1. How services can be financed fairly and efficiently and in a way that helps improve the coordination of health and social care services (**workstream 1**).
2. The best ways of organising the health care and social care systems (**workstream 2**).
3. How to measure whether the services provided are high quality, are allocated fairly, and make the best use of public funds (**workstream 3**).

Further details of completed and ongoing projects are available on our [website](#).

Who do we work with?

Our Advisory Group oversees ESHCRU's research. [Members](#) help to shape our research agenda, review proposals of work, contribute to project design, assess research outputs and advise on dissemination. We also work closely with Department of Health and Social Care.

Details of ESHCRU outputs, including scientific papers, research reports and conference abstracts, are available [here](#).

For further information, please contact ESHCRU's Co-directors [Anne Mason](#) (University of York) or [Jose-Luis Fernandez](#) (London School of Economics and Political Science).

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