

Longitudinal Studies Centre - Scotland

Home of the Scottish Longitudinal Study



An Introductory Training Workshop for the Scottish Longitudinal Study

University of Glasgow, Wolfson Medical School Atrium

Monday 7th April 2008

Introduction

The Longitudinal Studies Centre – Scotland (LSCS) was established in 2001 and the major goal has been to create, maintain and support an ambitious new dataset – the Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS). This study links together routinely collected administrative data for a 5.3% representative sample of the Scottish population (about 270,000 people). It includes a wealth of information from the censuses (1991 and 2001), vital events, cancer registry and hospital episodes.

The size and scope of the SLS make it an unparalleled resource for analysing a range of socio-economic, demographic and health questions, including those which are based on reasonably rare events. The longitudinal nature of the SLS is particularly valuable, allowing us to explore causality in a way that cross-sectional data collected at a single point in time do not. It will provide insights into the health and social status of the Scottish population and, crucially, how it changes over time.



This workshop event will introduce the SLS, as well as drawing attention to the similarities between it and the England and Wales Longitudinal Study (LS) upon which it is modelled. Speakers will also draw attention to some of the exciting types of research that can be conducted using the SLS.



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The **Longitudinal Studies Centre – Scotland (LSCS)** will provide regular training sessions for the Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS). These are open to academics, non-academics and students and are designed to provide a detailed introduction to the data that are available and how they may be used. The course is introductory and no prior knowledge of the SLS is anticipated. Further information is available on our website at <http://www.lscs.ac.uk/events.htm>.

TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

The training course will begin at 10.00 am on Monday 7th April 2008 and finish at 5.00 pm.
Tea/Coffee will be served from 09.30 am

Course content will include:

- o A broad introduction to the SLS, including a detailed discussion of the main data sources that are linked
- o A comparison between the SLS and other longitudinal data sources available in the UK, especially the England and Wales Longitudinal Study (LS)
- o Detailed information about how to access the SLS
- o Discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the SLS
- o An introduction to the on-line Data Dictionary
- o Examples of the types of studies that could be undertaken using the SLS

Most of the workshop will be lecture based, although there will be an opportunity to explore the SLS Data Dictionary with support staff. We are also happy to discuss draft research proposals.

The course is heavily subsidized, but there is a charge for registering. Travel and accommodation costs need to be met by the participants.

Places are limited and early registration is encouraged

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

- Fees** There is a small charge as shown below on the registration form.
- Registration** To register for this training event, please complete the registration form below, detach and return it as soon as possible.
Places are limited and early registration is encouraged.

Please send completed registration forms and a cheque made payable to the **University of St Andrews** to:



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REGISTRATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS (*please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS*)

Title First name Surname

Institution/Organization

Address.....

..... Postcode

Daytime Tel. Email

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dietary requirements: Vegetarian Other, please specify

Please tick this box if you would like to be updated about future LSCS/SLS activities.
If so, your name will be added to our mailing list.

SLS Introductory Training Workshop (Monday 7th April 2008) **£30.00**

Price includes registration, coffee/tea and lunch.

Total Fee Enclosed

*Cheque made payable to the
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