

Longitudinal Studies Centre - Scotland

Home of the Scottish Longitudinal Study



An Introductory Training Workshop for the Scottish Longitudinal Study

University of Stirling,
Tuesday 15th September 2009



The Longitudinal Studies Centre – Scotland (LSCS) was established in 2001 and hosts 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) and vital events registrations, and can be linked to cancer registry and hospital admission data.

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, such as death. 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 training workshop is open to academics, non-academics and students and is 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/training.htm>.

This workshop will introduce the SLS, as well as draw 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.





TRAINING COURSE DETAILS

The training course will begin at 10.00 am on Tuesday 15th September 2009 and finish at 5.00 pm.
Tea/Coffee will be served from 09.30 am.

Course content will include:

- A broad introduction to the SLS, including a detailed discussion of the main data sources that are linked;
- A comparison between the SLS and other longitudinal data sources available in the UK, especially the England and Wales Longitudinal Study (LS) to which the SLS was modelled;
- Detailed information about how to access the SLS;
- Discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the SLS;
- An overview of the possibilities to link the SLS to health data (cancer registry and hospital admission data);
- An introduction to the online Data Dictionary and a hands-on computer lab;
- Examples of the types of studies that could be undertaken using the SLS.

Most of the workshop will be lecture based, except for the computer lab. We are also happy to discuss draft research proposals.

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

The training workshop is given by Gillian Raab (senior research fellow) and Peteke Feijten (research fellow), both support officers for the SLS.

Places are limited and early registration is encouraged.

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Fees: There is a £15 charge covering coffee/tea, lunch and a workshop booklet.

Registration: To register for this training event, please complete the registration form below, detach and return it as soon as possible.

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 Vegan Gluten free Other (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.

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£15.00

Price includes registration, training booklet, coffee/tea and lunch.

Total Fee Enclosed.....

*Cheque made payable to the **University of St Andrews***