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RGF ID	Project Title	RRSC ID	Researcher Name	Sponsor Name	Funder	Aims Objectives
1	Protecting and Promoting the Well-Being of Very Young Children: A Prospective Study of Babies in Need or at Risk of Significant harm	77540	Emily Munro (Loughborough University)	Department for Education and Skills	Department for Education and Skills	See if children with similar needs become looked after in some LAs but remain at home in others. Explore how decisions are made. Explore roles of various participants in decisions especially involvement of birth parents. Assess effects of decisions on
2	Older People's Perceptions of Control: The Impact of Services and Service Settings in Long Term Care	67992	Ann-Marie Muncer	Dr Carol Lupton	Department of Health	See if residents in control-enhancing environment have higher levels of control, vs. those in traditional care settings. Explore how services received relates to sense of control. See if higher levels of control relate to higher levels of well being.
3	Endings in Foster Care Placements: The Emotional Tasks for Carers	77639	Melanie Powell	Dr Sarah Davidson	University of East London	Explore what us the psychological and emotional impact on carers when foster children leave. What are foster carers perceptions of their experience of placement ending. How do carers cope with endings? How have other agencies talked about loss?
4	Learning Disability Services: Community Team Review 2005		David Pintilie	Anita Cameron	Suffolk Social Care Services	Review implementation of recommendations from 2001 Review. Review teams in light of additional resources, workload activity, recruitment/training issues. Consider needs of a modern Learning Disability service. Review current procedures/policy.
5	Fair Access to Care Service in Integrated Health and Social Care Teams	67992	Prof. Peter Huxley	Institute of Psychiatry	Department of Health	Describe approaches to the implementation of FACS. Determine level of association between CPA & FACS assessments. Establish predictive validity of MARC1 and as screening tool for FACS. See how service changes have led to a fairer access to services
6	Customer Feedback Tool	78036	Julie Bateman	Julie Bateman	Suffolk Social Care	To determine level of customer satisfaction and internal compliance with Customer promise care management standards
7	Life History Research Project: Progression Through Learning	78042	Suzanne Hyde	Margaret Hayhurst	University of Sussex	Find out if taking courses in the workplace leads to life changes. Provide evidence to shape government, trade unions and employer policies on learning. Part of Mass Observation Project.
8	Survey of use of Library, Information and Knowledge Services by Social Care Staff	78119	Andrea Wilson	Joan Hunter	Skills for Care	Identify the resources social care staff currently use/reasons for not using. Identify how staff would like these services to develop.

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Mixed methodology. Interrogation of case files. Interviews with key professionals and parents & carers	20 children who undergo a core assessment before their 1st birthday + key personnel involved in decision making e.g. parents, carers, Social Workers, ADs	External CYP	Sue Lowndes	01/07/2005 and again in Feb 2009 and Feb 2011	update received Feb 2009 and again February 2011
Qualitative - Face to Face interviews	100 Older people who are permanent residents of extra care housing in Suffolk (will be measured against permanent care home residents in another LA)	External ACS	Judith Hawkshaw	1/6/05	Report
Qualitative - Face to face interviews	8-12 Long term foster carers registered with social care services	External CYP	Linda Austin	1/11/04	Report
Qualitative - Semi-structured face-to-face interviews	Cross section of staff from each of the Teams - Managers, SPs, SW, CCPs	Internal ACS	Anita Cameron	1/3/05	Report
Mixed Methodology - semi structured interviews	Adults of working age on the caseloads of community teams, professionals, staff (senior/middle managers & frontline workers) & carers	External ACS	Rowena Coleman	1/3/05	Report
Quantitative, Questionnaire	Sample of customers subject to assessment during 3 month period (to be repeated on quarterly basis)	Internal ACS	Julie Bateman	1/3/05	Report
Qualitative - life stories + interviews	New/current learners, or those who studied years ago or who have dropped out of courses	External CYP and ACS	Maggie Hayhurst	1/7/05	report
Quantitative & Qualitative data collected via questionnaire	Social Care Staff	External ACS and CYP	Julie Bateman	1/8/05	Report

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9	On Record - reconciling competing discourse in the construction of social work records	78126	Elizabeth O'Rourke	Dr Tina Miller	Self-Funded	Explore the process/experience of case recording by social workers. How do social workers reconcile the different relationships and competing demands in case recording. Examine this in relation to the role of social workers as professionals
10	A Career in Management: Examination of the impact of recent changes on the profession of management and the careers of managers	78166	David Smith	Alison Hurst	self funded MA ERU	What is it like to be a manager, pursuing a career in management in Suffolk Social Care at this time? How do managers view their careers and what shape do they hope/expect they will take? How do they plan and prepare for this?
11	User Experience Survey for Older People receiving Home Care 2005-06	67791	Rob Parker	Department of Health	ACS	Annual DOH survey for pAF and internal customer satisfaction survey
12	The role of the social worker with older people		Erika Kelly	Sally Angus	Middlesex University	No further information other than Research is around the role of the social worker working with older people. This research is part of a master degree
13	Children and Young People thematic Audit programme	78190	Jonathan Eckersley / Sue Glazer / Sue Lowndes	Cliff James	CYP SCC	Overarching audit programme in CYP services to ensure adherence to CYP standards
14	Consultation and discussion with parents and young carers	78337	Sue Glazer/ Rowena Coleman	Cliff James/ Julie Bateman	ACS and CYP SCC	To seek views of parents and younger people to help with development of joint protocol for working with parents with disabilities
15	Why take up of LD services is poor in BME communities	78357	Clare Hammerton	Suffolk Carers	LDDF Suffolk Carers	To obtain information about why BME communities don't take up services. How can LDPB respond. What are cultural/ language needs and gaps
16	How does reminiscence effect the motivation of learners in social work placements	78396	Deane Hill	Paula Sobieowska ARU (MA)	ARU	How does reflection help manage emotions and feelings triggered by social work activity. MA ARU

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Quantitative - postal questionnaire	10 questionnaires to qualified social workers, working in adult services. Aim for people working in a variety of settings e.g. OP, PLD, MH & Hospitals	External ACS and CYP	Susan Balaam		
Qualitative - case studies	12 managers who are on the threshold of, or already moving into senior management. Balanced for gender and age	External ACS and CYP	Julie Bateman	22/11/05	
Quantitative	predetermined sample of older people receiving in house and external dom care	internal/external ACS	Sarah Charlott	22/11/05	Report
Qualitative, semi-structured interviews with social workers	small no. of social workers in OP teams in the West of Suffolk	External ACS	OP team Bury	22/1/06	
Qualitative and quantitative (e.g. Scrutiny of files, interviewing of staff and young people)	Social Workers and young people (age appropriate)	Internal CYP	Jonathan Eckerlsey	25/1/06	Quarterly reports
Focus groups and questionnaires	Disabled parents and carers	Internal CYP and ACS	Sue Glazer	25/1/06	Report
Structured and Semi structured interviews	Family carers from BME communities and people with LD	External/Internal ACS	Patti Seaward	1/6/06	July 2007. Report plus DVD
Questionnaire semi structured interview	10 Social Workers	Internal CYP	Deane Hill	1/10/06	

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17	Evaluation of service user participation in social work degree	78399	Maggie Hayhurst	Leslie Crilling ARU (MA)	ARU	Interim review of 'involve' project- what is meaningful involvement of service users on a degree programme. MA ARU
18	Adult Placement Schemes		Clare Hammerton	Alison Stannard	Mandy Whittaker	Evaluation of adult placement schemes in other local authorities to determine the best model of support.
19	Person Centred Commissioning	81001	Christine Hancock	Maire Maish	ARU	What are the benefits of person centred commissioning MA ARU
20	Staff Survey		Janice Prince CSD	Anita Cameron	ACS	Staff survey seeking to establish baseline evaluation for OD programme
21	Vulnerable adults policy for over 65 years olds - an evaluation of how this is put into practice and its effectiveness within a local authority care team	78394	Beverly Chambers, student	Sue Hollinrake, Suffolk College		To understand how the vulnerable adults policy is put into practice within SCC and how effective it is. BA in SW dissertation
22	Partnerships in Child protection: the potential in practice	81435	Julie Fisher, student	Sue Hollinrake, Suffolk College		What factors do parents, social workers and family support practitioners perceive as promoting successful partnerships in working to achieve objectives of the child protection plan following the initial CP conference. BA in SW
23	Experience of parents with learning disabilities of the social care system		Rachel farrows Student	Sue Hollinrake, Suffolk College	Robert Milne Family centre	To give greater understanding of the experiences of parenting with a learning disability, particularly what supports help/ hinder successful parenting
24	Consultation with Staff and young people to inform development of substance use policy for LAC	81888	Anne Rathbone (Anne Rathbone Associates, ext consultant)	Nikki O'Hara DAAT	Nikki O'Hara DAAT	Consultation exercise with young people, res care staff, parent carers to inform policy development for looked after children.

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Focus Groups - students, service users and tutors	ALL	Internal CYP and ACS	Maggie Hayhurst	1/10/06	
Survey	Other local Authorities	Internal ACS	Alison Stannard	Oct 06 Not approved No requirement for RFG approval	Report April 2007
Literature Research	primarily literature search and interview with commissioners	Internal ACS	Christine Hancock	1/11/06	
Quantitative and qualittative questionnaire - electronic	Staff in ACS	Internal ACS	Anita Cameron	1/11/06	Not completed
Case study and in-depth interviews with approx 6 with staff	Social workers and CCP in saxmundham teams (4-6)	Internal ACS	Saxmundham practice teacher	1/1/07	complete
Identification of one case by practice teacher. Qualitative research interviews with parents and practitioner staff	One family known to CP services and professionals involved in the case.	Internal CYP	Practice teacher	1/1/07	Library Study Only (17/04/07)
Deferred - more work on methodology required	Await	External voluntary sector family centre CYP and ACS	Julie Bateman	considered 11/1/07. Deferred for further detail re revised method	Library Study Only (17/04/07) Withdrawn
Postal questionnaire- qualitative and quantitative possible use of focus groups facilitated by care leavers	Looked after children, residential care staff, Foster carers	Internal CYP	Nikki O Hara	11/1/07	Cancelled

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25	Adoptive parent views regarding adequacy of the pre adoption medical advice / adoption support services offered.		Dr Susan Yarney Specialist registrar community paediatrician	John Clifton Professional Advisor	Dr Regina Chandraraj consultant community paediatrician and medical adviser to adoption panel	To improve pre-adoption advice/ medical support services to adoptive families
26	Birth fathers' perspectives about the adoption of their child from care		John Clifton professional adviser, permanence, (MA UEA)	Sue Lowndes Head of Fostering	Suffolk Adoption Agency	To improve the quality of service offered to birth fathers during adoption with a view to better engagement. MA UEA
27	Group facilitation and the skills developed and used by a professional adviser		Rowena Coleman, Professional Adviser - Mental Health	Paula Sobieoska ARU (MA)	Dave White PQ Head SCC	To evaluate professional skills required by PA to work with groups to improve practise standards and outcomes for customers. MA ARU
28	Health and social care partnerships-how will the future look for older people's mental healthcare service in Liverpool		Irene Spiers & Michele Barry- Liverpool Soc Serv. (MBA Chester)	Liverpool County Council		To explore what constitutes good health and social care partnerships in relation to older peoples mental health services with particular focus on dementia and the use of home care and intermediate treatment
29	An investigation of linking and matching in Adoption	78401	Prof. Elaine Farmer	Bristol University	DFeS	To establish a clear picture of what makes a good matcher, what are the linking and matching practices naturally and what can we learn about linking a child's needs to the strengths of adoptive parents.
30	Why do people foster children? An exploration using grounded theory.	81272	Cassie Hunt (Clinical Psychology doctorate UEA)	UEA	Sue Lowndes Head of Fostering	To develop a psychological model of what motivates people to foster by identifying determine successful and unsuccessful outcomes to try and influence future carer recruitment and assessment.
31	Development of Short break Strategy for adults	78488	Sharon Miller	Mandy Whittaker	ACS	Consultation on short break and respite to determine the views of family carers so as to identify preferences, commitment needs and inform future commissioning strategy
32	Information on Prescriptions	78489	Sarah McHugh (GFKNOP)	Alison Wheeler	DH (John Cain)	To evaluate pilot on information prescription seeks to ascertain whether this method of providing patients with information helps them to manage Bury library only but in partnership with Gaps, Age Concern, Alzheimer's society and ACS.

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Postal questionnaire survey	3 cohorts of adoptive parents 2003,2004,2005 110 handouts in total	Internal CYP	John Clifton	11/1/07	Report
Case studies- semi structured interview based upon grounded theory	4 birth fathers selected by the adoption team	Internal CYP	Sue Lowndes	8/2/07	complete - report available
Questionnaire semi structured interview	Specific focus groups updating the social care perspective	Internal ACS	Dave White	8/3/07	complete - report available
Postal survey and questionnaire follow up with semi structured interviews	Lead offices in service deployment in selected local authorities	External ACS	Moira Clare	8/3/07	
Retrospective study of care files and a "real time study of a prospective group of adopters from the time the panel approves the adoption plan to 6 months in a placement.	Access to 12 families for retrospective research, interview and structured questionnaire within real time adopters and social workers (approx 8 of each)	external CYP	John Clifton	8/3/07	
In depth qualitative research - semi structured interviews and analysing using grounded theory approach.	12-14 participants - foster carers- recruited via SCC training days	External CYP	Sue Lowndes	12/4/2007	
Qualitative ad quantitative- questionnaires and focus groups with key stakeholders	3,000 family carers, commissioners, key stakeholders and voluntary staff across adult services	Internal/ACS	Sharon Miller	25/03/07 Electronic decision	complete - report available
Qualitative postal and web based questionnaire supplemented by 1:1 semi structured interviews where indicated	All those offered prescriptions will be linked to participate - No4 not yet known	External	Sue Nicholson	12/7/07	complete - report available

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33	Customer Survey and formal consultation on the residential care review of older people	80999	Ian Bell	Jamie Cundall	ACS	The council is proposing to change the way it operates its residential care homes for older people included a full consultation with customers and key stakeholders. Should inform the process as well as provide feedback about the quality of care offered (benchmarking)
34	Evaluation of Suffolk Family Carers	81002	Sue Bailey (UEA)	Jacqui Martin (Suffolk Family Carers)	Suffolk Family Carers	To evaluate services offered by SFC, to consider outcomes for carers and how helped in caring role- what keeps monitoring health and wellbeing? To consider preventative impact of services and if we meet need.
35	Evaluation of the Age Assessment process in relation to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	submitted on RRSC not yet approved	Gillian Davies	Anglia Ruskin University		The aim of the research is to provide an analysis of current policy and practice in relation to age assessment with a view to make recommendations for improvements to the process that would lead to better, more consistent practice. These improvements would, it is suggested, lead to reductions in the number of disputes and enhance the experience of all involved, not just practitioners but the unaccompanied asylum seeking children themselves.
36	Evaluation of the Suffolk ACCORD Protocol and Practice Guidance	82195	Sukey Tarr	Nicki O Hara	Anne Rathbone Associates commissioned by Suffolk County Council	The main question is "How is ACCORD working in practice and what improvements are needed to make it more effective in improving outcomes for families?" The main aims of the research are: To explore the impact of the protocol and guidance on staff; To explore the impact of the protocol and guidance on service users; To evaluate its effectiveness; To identify areas for improvement and development; The benefits for all will be contribution to improved outcomes for vulnerable families.
37	Parents of Children in Foster Care	81767	Gillian Scholfield	UEA	Economic & Social Research Council Swindon	To improve our understanding of the experience of birth parents who are separated from their children in long-term foster care, through linked studies between UEA, University of Bergen & University of Gothenburg.

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Customer satisfaction survey (positive) with advocacy and support as necessary. Consultation questionnaire of family carers and residents	All SCC OP residential care home members and their family carers	Internal	Ian Bell	21/07/07 (electronic decision)	complete - report available
Data analysis, interviews with lay stake holders, 1:1 structured interviews with family carers.	Self- selecting sample of family carers and key stakeholders within ACS and beyond. SFC staff.	External	Mandy Whittaker	13/9/07	Report
Interviews with 6 people targeted for their experience, knowledge and expertise in the age assessment process.	of those directly involved in the age assessment process, including those actively undertaking the age assessment process and those advocating for the age disputed young person who may also be involved in disputing the process / outcome.	External	Jonathan Eckerlsey	23/11/07	Report
There will be approx 8 cases selected from each of the three geographical areas of suffolk, allowing fro factors above. A total of 24 cases will be the maximum. Information for the evaluation will be obtained from both staff and service users through semi structured interviews (researcher has draft schedules). Focus groups may be held for staff but not service users.	Staff working with the protocol and guidance documents both with families on a day to day basis and those in management positions.. Specifically those working with parents affected by: Mental Health issues, learning disabilities, long-term illness, HIV/AIDs in the County Council, MHPTs or partner agencies. • Service Users who are parents who have a disability or additional support need and who are receiving service from any of the above agencies.	Internal	sue Glazer	13/12/07	report complete
Interview and focus group data will be qualitative, tape recorded, transcribed and analysed using NVivo (a software package). Information will be anonymised.	The UK sample will be 30 birth parents of foster children, who were under the age of 10 at placement and who have been in their long term/ permanent foster family for at least two years. The aim is to include both mothers and fathers and to include parents from a range of ethnicity and culture.	External		13/3/08	Practice Guidance

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38	Customer Consultation "What would you like to do with your day" - to determine older people's aspirations for day time activities	81816	Alison Stannard		Suffolk County Council	A pilot of the proposed consultation process among existing day service users, indicates that current users will be more inclined to demand like for like services that are premise based, entertainment & sedentary focussed. One of the aims in widening the consultation process will be determining to what extent people already using the services will want to access the type of services they are already familiar with. The consultation outcomes will help inform the service specification and offer guidance to prospective providers about the sort of services likely to be required.
39	Audit of Family Support practice in Suffolk Questionnaires for a) parents and b) partner professionals	82428	Sue Glazer/ Jonathan Eckersley	Cliff James, CYP	Suffolk County Council	Through the postal questionnaires we are aiming to obtain:1. The views and experiences of parents using family support services and 2. The views and experiences of partner professionals who have been providing services to the above families in partnership with social care.
40	What motivates young people to be involved in their LAC (Looked After Children) reviews? A study of the views & perceptions of children and young people who are looked after.	82711	Jemma Hunt	UCS		What motivates young people to be involved in their LAC reviews.
41	Looked After Children and Education	82840	Elizabeth Pollard	UCS		What support do foster carers see themselves as needing from teachers and social workers to support the education of their foster child/children
42	Practice Study How is a CAF Panel working? A qualitative study of a CAF panel in Suffolk	83356	Janet Norden	Norwich UEA		How effective is the Common Assessment Framework process in Suffolk in developing integrated teams? How is a CAF panel working?
43	Protecting children aged 12 and above at risk of significant harm	83388	Jean Driscoll	Suffolk County Council		To identify reasons for the relatively high and increasing number of children aged 12 and above who are subject to a child protection plan in Suffolk. What are the characteristics of young people subject to a child protection plan.

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1:1 interviews will be conducted with up to 300 customers who are regarded as mainstream i.e. able to engage in a 1:1. A separate postal questionnaire is being devised for use with primary carers to complete on behalf of customers who are unable to engage in a 1:1 due to mental frailty, dementia etc.	Current users Suffolk County Councils in-house day service provision	Internal	Alison Stannard	13/3/08	Report
Questionnaires to be sent out to parents and partner professionals. The audit sample is about 30 cases which meet the criteria (of being open for six months or more at 1st Dec 07).	The parent sample will be selected as randomly as possible whilst also ensuring an equitable distribution across Suffolk and specialist practice areas. The questionnaires to partner professionals will be sent to all partner professionals who are providing a service, during the audit period, to the families whose cases are included in the audit.	Internal	Jonathan Eckerley	13/12/07	Report
Qualitative data via semi-structured interviews with solution focused approach. Thematic analysis to interpret data.	Looked after children and young people aged 12 years up to and including 16 years.	External		13/12/07	
qualitative data from in-depth interviews	foster carers approved as long term carers for children aged 7 to 11, key stage 2.	External	Liz Pollard	13/12/07	
Qualitative and quantitative (e.g. Scrutiny of files, interviewing of staff and young people)	CAF Panel members -practitioners, families.	External	Allan Cadzow	13/12/07	complete
Questionnaires to social workers, young people, data from case auditing	Views of young people aged 12 and above on 1st April 08, who have Child protection plan - does process result in better outcomes for them?. What are views of social workers working with younger people subject to a child protection plan in relation to effectiveness of the process in addressing significant harm to young people?.	Internal	Cliff James (Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance)	30/4/08	Completed September 2008

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44	Focus on Advocacy - A review of Advocacy in Suffolk	83392	Pauline Martin	Mel Cassedy	Suffolk County Council - Liz Whitby Head of Customer Rights Scrutiny and Monitoring SSF	To review advocacy services in Suffolk. 1. Are we meeting needs of Suffolk residents as regards to statutory and required services. 2. Establish use of advocacy, need for advocacy, training and development needs of practitioners and social care.
45	Learning Disabilities in Suffolk - Developing a joint commissioning strategy	83499	Anita Cameron	Anna McCreddie	ACS & Suffolk PCT	Consultation to contribute to the development of a joint commissioning strategy for people with learning disabilities in Suffolk. The main questions will be: 1. Is this framework right? 2. What is missing? 3. What do you think the priorities are?
46	How effective are services for safeguarding vulnerable adults in Suffolk?		TBC UCS	Seb Smith	ACS	The research will explore the effectiveness of adult safeguarding in Suffolk with a particular focus on the outcomes of interventions and the experiences of those using the service
47	Outcome and Quality Monitoring programme		Sandra Clennell	Graham Gatehouse	ACS	A range of customer focused surveys and questionnaires to establish either the quality of an internally provided or commissioned service or effectiveness in securing planned outcomes
48	Safeguarding young people: Exploring access to protective services and agency responses to young people aged 11 to 17 who are maltreated		Sarah Gorin Senior Researcher NSPCC	The Children's society	Big Lottery Fund	A study of practice within social services and referring agencies in relation to potential child protection cases involving young people to evaluate referral process and consider policy and practice changes
49	Safeguarding young people: Exploring access to protective services and agency responses to young people aged 11 to 17 who are maltreated		Gwyther Rees Research Director, Children's Society	The Children's Society	Big Lottery Fund	A comparative study of attitudes to and individual definitions of maltreatment amongst professionals working with young people
50	Learning from procurement Process of SCC mental health Pooled Fund Tender process	92360	Ronagh Withhames, consultant, Kinetic Ventures Ltd	Laura Hack SAVO	SAVO	Evaluation of tender process to inform future exercises for benefit of both providers and commissioners
51	The lived experience of carers: caring for people with dementia	92959	Jade Dunnage	UCS - Sue Hollinrake	UCS	Exploration of factors which help family carers to continue caring, to identify what undermines capacity to care and to determine what informal support is helpful, what characteristics of formal support work and what is interrelationship with family carers individual needs

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Questionnaire, interviews, consultation. Qualitative & quantitative.	Voluntary organisations who may provide advocacy as part of their work, staff from social care and health, service users and carers	Internal	Pauline Martin	22/5/08	Completed August 2008
Individuals will have a chance to express their views through a survey or by writing, survey forms will be distributed via existing networks to reach as many people as possible.	The range of people to be consulted includes: People with learning disabilities Family Carers Partner Organisations (eg. District councils, housing, employment, leisure and adult learning services, NHS Trusts)	External	Anna McCreadie	22/5/08	Completed September 2008
Qualitative and quantitative with questionnaires and semi structured interviews with service users. Analysis of impact of training through questionnaires and interviews with staff, police officers. Survey of Board members	100 users with 10% structured interview. 25% of ACS staff who have received training with 5-10% structured interview All Board members.	External	Seb Smith	august 08 and further refined submission 12/2/09	Complete report available
Sample size will depend on nature of a particular survey eg annual dom care postal survey, monthly telephone survey	Older people and adults who are customers of direct and externally provided social care services or recipients of assessment and care management services delivered via ECF and area teams	Internal	Sandra Clennell	14/8/08	on hold
One month quantitative data with follow up tel calls to SCMs and face to face interviews with YPs using structured questionnaire	5-10 scms (national=30) and 8 YP's (national=30)	External	Jean Driscoll	30/9/08	audit complete
Primarily quantitative. 8-12 hypothetical vignettes rated by risk and likely action to test attitudes. Postal survey	1000 professionals from 12 geographical areas ie multi site research	External	Jean Driscoll	30/9/08	
Qualitative via telephone interviews and email questionnaires	Up to 30 - to include Mental health providers, procurement officers and commissioners in Suffolk who participated in 2008 Pooled Fund procurement process	External	Amanda Dunn	22/10/08	complete - report available
Qualitative, in depth semi structured interviews using Thematic Analysis	2 to 3 family carers both male and female	external - student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete

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52	Exploration of Access to services for the Bangladeshi Community In Ipswich identifying benefits and barriers	92961	Ferduse Khanom	ucs- Sue Hollinrake	UCS	To explore reasons for poor uptake of social care services by elders of Bangladeshi Community In Ipswich and to make recommendation re improved service accessibility
53	An evaluation of the activity programmes offered by Montgomery Road adolescent outreach trust	92965	Kirsty Seager	UCS- Sue Hollinrake	UCS	To explore how effective are the activity programmes offered by the MR Outreach Trust working alongside the Adolescent Outreach Team in meeting the needs of a child as defined by the Children Act 89
54	An evaluation of the impact of the Public Law Outline through the eyes of individual social work practitioners	96946	Rebecca Pipe	UCS - Sue Hollinrake	UCS	To ascertain whether Social workers feel the PLO protocol has been successful in achieving its aim of reducing the length of care proceedings and improving the process for those involved
55	Adequacy of social housing to support women in Ipswich who have previously been street sex workers	96953	Mandy Battista	UCS - Sue Hollinrake	UCS	To explore whether there is adequate social housing to support women who have previously been street sex workers to enable them to sustain a safer way of living
56	An understanding of the experiences, perceptions and contributions of male social workers in direct child and family welfare services	104809	Fredreck Msamu	UCS- Sue Hollinrake	UCS	The study will explore whether gender hinders, creates barriers or opportunities for male social workers in child welfare (assessment and family support)
57	The experience of "stay at home" fathers accessing a children's centre in Ipswich and the impact of gender	104815	Godfrey Kazangarare	UCS- Sue Hollinrake	UCS	To evaluate how father inclusive the family centre is and to explore the impact of gender on fathers seeking parenting support within a female dominated service
58	Consultation on Suffolk Library service with key target groups	104816	Eric Orme	Alison Wheeler ACS	ACS	To help Suffolk Libraries have a better understanding of their customer groups to inform future service development. Consultation will explore barriers to effective use of libraries and how these might be overcome, ease of access, relevance, welcome etc
59	Assistive technology and wandering behaviour	104820	Jessica Davies	Salford	ACS	To what extent is assistive technology a satisfactory solution to the issue of wandering behaviour in adults with dementia?

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Qualitative using semi structured interviews in face to face settings	6 elders - 3 male and 3 female	external- student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Qualitative - in depth semi structured interviews utilising thematic analysis	4 young people - 2 males and 2 females who regularly attend activities programme	external- student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Analysis of government data plus qualitative research in form of in depth interviews	Purposive sample - 6 participants who have experience of working with the PLO	external- student social worker	cafcass practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Qualitative - face to face semi structured interviews	5 women who meet criteria via The Make a Change Team	external - student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Qualitative semi structured interviews - face to face	Opportunity sampling - 3 male social workers currently employed in social work teams- thematic analysis	external student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Qualitative semi structured face to face interviews - thematic analysis	4 fathers who use service regularly	external - student social worker	practice teacher	5/1/09	complete
Qualitative - provider orgs to nominate approx 200 people to participate in workshops facilitated by local artist - methods of capturing outputs will be artworks, audio, video, photography and observation	Older people (65+) people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, people with mental health issues and family carers. 200 total sample for online consultation with 100 participating in workshops	external but internally commisioned		12/2/09	complete
		internal		12/2/09	complete

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60	Evaluation of PBC pilot	104824	Helen Clarke	Sandra Clennel	ACS	To evaluate success of pilot PBC scheme in Waveney in terms of efficiency and outcomes for service users
61	At Home Library Service Customer Service	104825	Susan Versey	Rosemary Steer	ACS	To ascertain customer satisfaction with at home library service and to inform new tendering process and enhance service development
62	Service users' perceptions towards the self directed support agenda in adult social care	104826	Craig Knott	John Lewis	ACS	Evaluation of customer experience of adoption of self directed support and personal budgets in Suffolk
63	Flexible Support service for People living with Dementia in waveney	104827	Helen Ruddock	John Lambert	ACS	Evaluation of new pilot crisis intervention and intensive home support project for people with dementia
64	An investigation into how reviewers use their discretion to implement review procedures and the impact this has on how older people experience reviews in care homes.	104870	Peter Scourfield PHD	ARU	OU	To understand how the care of older people in care homes is reviewed
65	Action for Children sexual abuse network evaluation- children and young people's perspectives element	93524	Esther Coren	Canterbury Christchurch University	Action for Children	To incorporate children and young people's perspectives into an evaluation of a network of 8 Action for Children projects whose main therapeutic focus is trauma following child sexual abuse. Aim of evaluation is to:-develop strategic overview of projects, evaluate working practices, develop evidence base of outcomes and need for and impact of support
66	LARC2 How is the CAF contributing to improved outcomes for children in key stage 2	104927	Sharon Jarrett	Gerard Jones CYP Commissioner	Suffolk County Council	The aim of the study is to gain a greater understanding of how the CAF is working in Suffolk and in particular how it contributes to improving the behaviour and outcomes of children in key stage 2
67	The attributions and expressed emotions of foster carers towards their "looked after" children with externalising behaviour problems	104928	Sara Katsukunya	UEA PHD in clinical psychology	UEA	To determine whether there is a link between levels of expressed emotion attributional styles of foster carers regarding the behaviour of their looked after child

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In depth semi structured interviews with people who have used service compared to control group and sample of professionals	4 in depth interviews with service users	internal		First submission March 2009 resubmitted and approved 3/4/09	
Postal survey of all current customers	All customers	internal		3/4/09	
Qualitative and quantitative using standardised postal questionnaire with closed and open questions	Potentially all customers who take up personal budget option - current sample approx 100	internal	SDS project	3/4/09	Replaced by number 73
Survey of family carers, financial analysis and quantitative data	Family carers will complete postal survey around experiences of 15 current service users	internal	Waveney pilot- John Lambert	3/4/09	
Small scale qualitative study in 2 local authorities using observation of reviews and semi structured interviews with review subject	Observation of 6 reviews in LA homes and interviews with 6 older people who are the subject of the review and with the reviewer plus examination of completed review paperwork	external	Mark Dimes	3/4/09	
Cross sectional design utilising a qualitative age appropriate activity book designed by CCCU to capture young people's experiences of action for children projects	Random selection from those included in a previous quantitative audit. No clear information re numbers but participants will be selected from across 8 national projects	external	Jonathan Eckerlsey	14/5/09	complete
Qualitative. Face to face interviews with 4 cases referred to CAF with 2 from a rural cluster and 2 from an urban cluster. The child, family and lead professional will all be interviewed	4 children and their families where presenting problem was behavioural will be identified by CAF chair in cluster area	internal but linked to umbrella of LARC2	Sue Glazer	30/6/09	
2 questionnaires - Eyberg Child Behaviour Inventory and a demographic questionnaire plus 5 minute speech sample - foster carer speaks freely and uninterrupted for 5 minutes about their foster child-transcribed and coded	64 children from across the Eastern region - local authorities and agencies will write out to foster carers who will self select	external	Sue Lowndes	4/8/09	

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68	Parents-to-be who have a learning disability: what influences pre-birth assessment and decision-making by social workers?	104933	Sue Glazer	MA UEA	Suffolk County Council	This research is attempting to increase understanding about what influences pre birth assessment and decision making by social workers when working with parents-to-be who have a learning disability
69	Consultation with priority customer groups on accessing information	104947	Eric Orme from Cultural Intelligence LTD	Alison Wheeler	Suffolk county council	This research is seeking to inform the content of an information plan for SCC Adult and Communities services which will ensure that adults in Suffolk can obtain the information they need in order to lead a full life. In particular it will explore how adults with disabilities or additional needs need information to be provided to them in order to make informed decisions about their life
70	How can young people on the frontiers of care contribute to evaluating the outcomes of a sustained activity programme?	104948	Marc Denham	Children's WDC and MRC	CWDC/MRC	This research project is seeking to evaluate the outcomes of a sustained youth activity programme for young people on the frontiers of care and defined as "in need" as per s17 of Children Act. The focus will be on evaluating levels of self esteem and resilience before and after
71	The effect of video interaction guidance on the parent infant relationship in young babies	104949	Jenny Jarvis	South Waveney Children's centres via SLA with NWMHPFT	SCC CYP	To evaluate whether a specific intervention and what number - video recordings and feedback of interactions- improves the likelihood of better relationships between parents and young babies and mores specifically whether it improves parental confidence and competence
72	Personal social services user survey of carers	Not required	DH- NHS Information centre	SCC	Care Quality monitoring team,	To establish whether or not servcies received by carers are helping them in their caring role and their life outside caring. Survey will provide baseline info to monitor impact of cares strategy
73	Measuring customer well-being and outcomes	104826	Anna Bailey OLM	ACS SCC	ACS	This project is seeking to establish how customer's sense of well-being changes after an intervention by the council. It is a pilot to test and implement tools and processes to measure customer's wellbeingand customers outcomes at key stages in the customer journey eg signposting , assesment ,support planning and implementation
74	Children and young people who may have been trafficked into criminal activity	104951	Bridget Burgoyne NSPCC	NSPCC Child Trafficking Line	Children's workforce development council and mRC	To explore the relationship between government guidance, the CPS protocol and the day to day practice of professionals in respect of children and young people who may have been trafficked into criminal activity
75	DH Family carers short break demonstrator	104953	Kate Jones lead Turning point	Sharon Miller ACS	DH	To understand the experience of seldom served family carers in 3 discrete geographical aeas and to ascertain what innovative short break options lead to the best outcomes for both carer and those cared for

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A semi structured format to 3 Focus groups of 1.5 hours of 5-9 members and use of grounded theory to analyse emerging themes and issues to elicit lived experiences and perceptions of social workers	Sample will be drawn from all eligible children's social workers in Suffolk who have already undertaken a pre birth assessment of this type. Approx numbers estimated at 18-20	both internal and external	Cliff James (Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance)	10/9/09	complete
A series of creative workshops based on a giant board game but utilising art and craftwork, audio, video, photography etc as well. A self completion survey form will also be used	200 people recruited by partner organisations who have either a physical or learning disability, a mental health need, an age related condition or who may be disadvantaged due to other reasons such as not speaking english as a first language	internal	Alison Wheeler	10/9/09	report complete
Semi structured guided interview schedule administered by researcher - interview will also be videoed and transcribed and analysed using ethnographic methodology	Small sample of 6 young people who will undertake programme	internal	not known	9/10/09	
Use of CARE index score following video feedback sessions . Ages and stages questionnaire. Parental self report questionnaire	Initially 8-12 families with young babies extending to 70-80 over a year drawn from universal "Baby Play" group and then from parents where poor interaction or other risk factors have been noted	Internal	Manager Children's centre, South Lowestoft	9/10/09	
Postal survey of randomised sample of people who have had carers assessment by local authority in previous 12 months. Specific local questions can be added	Sample size to be determined by NHS IC to ensure statistical significance - approx 3,500 carers requires 530 responses	External/Internal ACS	Craig Moran	9/10/09	complete
Administration of standardised well-being tool giving numerical score pre and post interventions. Administration of outcomes based review process at first and subsequent reviews alongside well-being tool	Potentially all people accessing the council for assistance during a 9 month period who consent to test tools and processes thereafter approach will be mainstreamed	internal	Sandra Clennell	12/11/09	on hold
Qualitative semi structured interviews with professionals	Small sample of 10 professionals in different agencies	external	Sue Glazer	7/12/09	
Administration of standardised well-being tool giving numerical score pre and post interventions. Administration of outcomes based review process at first and subsequent reviews alongside well-being tool	All people who agree to receive personal budget funding for a short break experience through the life of the project will agree to participate in this evaluation. Target numbers are- 750 family carers who have previously not used family carer services	internal but project will also be evaluated a part of national programme by leeds Uni	Clare Hammerton	4/1/10	ongoing

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76	Consultation to inform the development of the new Suffolk County Council website	104954	Eric Orme from Cultural Intelligence LTD	Alison Wheeler	SCC	To inform the development of a citizen-centred website for SCC and in particular to inform the development of the design brief and to conduct user trials as part of development process
77	Do practitioners regularly consider undertaking a financial appraisal when completing an initial assessment in children and young people's service	104955	Tina Stobbart-student social worker	UCS	CYP SCC	To ascertain why, when debt and poverty are common stressors in families, CYP practitioners do not see financial assessments as a key aspect of assessment work
78	Hospital Discharge Satisfaction survey	104956	Craig Knott	Marie Adams ACS	ACS SCC	How well is the assessment process working for people discharged from an acute hospital setting who have had a community care assessment
79	Consultation on developing the Suffolk approach to meeting older people's accommodation needs: the development of specialist care home provision on 3 sites	104957	Ian Bell	Peter Tempest Service Director ACS	ACS SCC	Consultation with key stakeholders on proposal to replace 4 SCC homes for older people with 3 new homes through PFI
80	Planning for Life	104958	Steve Bailey-Nexus Support	Susanne Anderson ACS	LSC	Evaluation of Planning for Life project- a new approach to commissioning services for young people with learning disabilities in transition to adult services via personal budgets funded by social care and LSC to meet both social care and educational needs
81	Long term alternative care arrangements for gypsy and traveller children resolved within their own community	105011	David Jacobs MA Dissertation	Tutor Marion Brandon UEA	SCC	To increase understanding of how gypsy and traveller communities respond to the long term needs of their children when birth parents are unable to provide for them. What types of scenarios lead to children requiring care away from their parents, how are decisions reached and substitute carers identified, what types of care arrangements are established?
82	ADHD Among Young people in Suffolk aged 13-16 and the role of educational support staff in supporting their behaviour and learning	RG approval deferred	Ruth Brooks MSC OU	Connexions	CYP Bursary	To explore the specific techniques used by support teachers to help young people with ADHD manage their behaviour and to learn
83	Transition to adult services and adulthood for young people with autistic spectrum conditions	105013	Dr Nicola Moran SPRU York Uni	York Uni	DH	To investigate the roles of multi-agency transition services in relation to young people with ASC and the arrangements that are in place for coordinating services for young people with and without learning disabilities. The research will explore young people's and parents' experiences of planning for transition and the costs and outcomes of transition process

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Use of User Trials with 3 iterations to explore priority features, navigation preferences, keywords, functionality, testing of prototypes and trials of final prototype	Total of 40 people on panel including people with learning disabilities, mental health needs, older people, parents, family carers physical disabilities, english not first language. Exploratory phase will be based on 6 consultation workshops with approx 6 participants with 6 per each iteration	internal	Alison Wheeler	4/1/10	complete
Structured face to face interviews - use of thematic analysis	Potentially 7 members of one social work team. Research Gov requests extend to comparator group	internal student SW	Jackie Williams	4/1/10	
Restrospective postal survey- structured questionnaire exploring 5 themes	All persons assessed by a hospital based assessment team (x8) within a specified time frame- likely to be 3 months which will provide a sample in the region of 630 customers	internal	Helen Ruddock	11/2/10	
consultation booklet, structured questionnaire both postal and on line, consultation events	Older people and their family carers in Suffolk who use the council's residential care homes. Council employees who work in those homes. Wider stakeholders such as NHS partners, District Councils, Third sector, PVI sector	internal	Ian Patterson	11/2/10	
Structured interviews with key stakeholders who will have been pre sent questions.	Interviews with approx 20 stakeholders including family carers, support planners, Connexions advisers, etc	internal	Susanne Anderson	11/2/10	complete
Semi structured, face to face interviews - thematic analysis	Purposive sampling with approx 5-6 gypsy/traveller families across the UK	Internal	David Jacobs	11/2/10	
Classroom observations? Semi structured interviews	currently unclear	internal	Ruth Brooks	considered 11/3/10- approval deferred pending further information	
Multi-site research. Face to face interviews with identified staff- 3-4 key managers and 8 staff. Family survey - questionnaires to be followed up by interview with sub sample.	In each site - 5 managers and 8 staff. All young people with diagnosis of ASC who transitioned in past 2 years will be approached by letter inviting participation with face to face interviews with sub sample	external multi-site	Stephanie Graham	11/3/10	

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84	Exploration of views of social workers working within the adoption process on contact between adopted child and his birth family	105014	Lavinia Onutiu MA ARU	ARU	self funded	How does their perception of the benefits/risks of contact influence social workers (working within the adoption process) recommendations regarding levels of contact between the adopted family and the birth family?
85	Stakeholders attitudes towards a statutory service providing therapeutic interventions for looked after children with attachment difficulties	105015	Jill Merriam MSC	Julie Teatheredge ARU	CYP	How effectively does a child and adolescent mental health service for Looked After Children work with foster parents to provide therapeutic interventions for attachment difficulties testing assumption that the best way to help children to adopt positive attachment patterns is by supporting and training foster carers to adapt the social environment to provide a safe base for the child
86	Explore the health priorities for young people (YP) leaving care and their experiences when accessing NHS services	105017	Susan Matthews	Nicola Crichton London South Bank University	self funded	To develop an understanding of the experience of LAC when accessing NHS services. This knowledge will enable the NHS to deliver a more responsive service that is acceptable and accessible to LAC.
87	Social workers' experiences about the role of ICS in managing risks and safeguarding children	105018	Ingrid Crisan	UEA MA in advanced social work	self funded	Building on the findings from previous research, this project will specifically address the issue of social workers' experiences in relation to the role ICS plays in risk management and will seek to find out whether social workers feel that ICS allows them to carry out the analysis and reflection that lead to good judgement and good standards of work when safeguarding children.
88	Consultation on policy and guidance relating to concerns, compliments and complaints in Adult and Community Services (ACS)	105019	Pauline Martin	Liz Whitby	SCC	To evaluate and consult on the draft policy and guidance implemented by SCC on 1st April 2009 following the 'Local Authority Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009'. To ensure that everyone involved has been given the opportunity to influence the policy and guidance.
89	Partnership with Older People Project (POPPS) 'That Little Bit of Help' in Suffolk	105020	Dr Sue Hollinrake/Dr Will Thomas	Stella Burgess	SCC	University Campus Suffolk commissioned by SCC's Partnerships with Older People Project to appraise current services to older people in order to help them continue living at home (i.e. keeping them out of residential care).
90	Looked After Children Audit	105022	Jonathan Eckersley	Performance and Quality Assurance Board CYPS	SCC	OFSTED is to visit Suffolk by March 2012 to carry out a 10 day notice inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services. This audit is to benchmark services for the case file analysis of the LAC element of the inspection.
91	Families on the edge of care proceedings: the operation and impact of pre-proceedings processes in children's social care	103357	Dr Jonathan Dickens	University of Bristol	Economic and Social Research Council	The main research question is to understand the operation and impact of the new pre-proceedings processes for child protection cases.

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Semi structured interviews	sample of 6 social workers working within adoption process for a minimum of 3 years	internal	Sally Stokes	11/3/10	
Qualitative- semi structured interviews with 4 precribed open ended questions transcribed - thematic analysis focusing on ascribed meanings of the participnats operating within a distinct sub cuture	Foster carers who have worked or who are working with the CONNECT service and registered with SCC up to a maximum of 10	internal	Sue Lowndes	11/3/10	
semi structured interviews	Between 12 - 16 YP leaving care (16 - 21 years)	external multi-site	Gerard Jones	13/5/10	
A questionnaire will be the primary focus of data collection	Sample of 40 children's social workers who use ICS	external	David Jacobs	13/5/10	
Consultation process via a questionnaire for practitioners and PVI and verbal over the phone or face to face with complainants	Practitioners, complainants who have experienced the process under the 2009 regulations and PVI sector.	Internal	Liz Whitby	13/5/10	
First stage two planned discussion sessions with an Inquiry Group. Second stage use the findings from the discussions to guide interviews with a purposively selected group of older people.	Inquiry Board - 12 members will be recruited directly from older people's representative groups. Individual interview participants - purposive sampling will be used to identify individuals who have used services following a hospital discharge - 20 will be recruited via the Home First Service.	Internal	Stella Burgess	13/5/10	complete report available
Assessment, planning and review of LAC. Computer and paper file records, plus the views of social workers, managers, support workers, carers and the children themselves if appropriate.	Children who were first accommodated between January and March 2009 and are still accommodated. Cases will be randomly selected. 9 children's cases will be audited, reflecting the distribution of cases across the County.	Internal	Cliff James (Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance)	13/5/10	complete
The project will combine a study of case files, observation of meetings and interviews. Field work visits will be conducted lasting approximately 40 person-days in each local authority.	Local authority staff, parents' representatives and parents. Will be conducted in 6 local authorities.	External- multi-site	Jonathan Eckerlsey/David Jacobs	13/5/10	

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92	Childcare Sufficiency assessment	105024	Becky Thomas	Early Years Childcare team	SCC	Statutory assessment to determine whether Suffolk has sufficient provision of childcare to enable parents to undertake education or training leading to work
93	Marie Curie Delivering Choice programme	105025	Sandy Barron	Tracey Dowling NHSS	NHSS	To map provision and evaluate social care staff experience of range of Suffolk End of Life services contributing to whole sector evaluation and review
94	Looked After Children and Offending	105030	Professor Gillian Schofield	The Adolescent and Children's Trust	The Big Lottery	The focus of the project is to identify risk and protective factors of offending in young people's characteristics and histories and in the care and youth justice systems. To identify resilience factors and those features of cj and care systems which may increase/reduce likelihood of offending. The aim is to improve the life chances of looked after children at risk of offending and criminalisation, to identify key transitional/turning points and develop evidence based typology
95	Signposting Satisfaction Survey	105032	Craig Knott	Sandra Clennel	SCC	The main research question is "are Customer First's current signposting practices providing customers with improved outcomes?".
96	Homecare Satisfaction Survey, 2010	105034	Craig Knott	Sandra Clennel	SCC	To identify how satisfied Customers are with the quality of the support provided by their Homecare Staff. Would they like more control over the services they access and make use of?
97	Audit of Children and Young People at risk of significant harm	105036	Jean Driscoll	John Gregg	SCC	Assess the quality of work undertaken by all agencies where there are concerns about children throughout all stages - referral, assessment, planning, intervention and review. Identify any areas which are working well and areas requiring improvement in practice or procedures.

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Quantative via survey	Convenience sampling - at least 576 respondents, but no upper number	internal	Becky Thomas	13/5/10	
Qualitative and quantitative using standardised postal questionnaire with closed and open questions and some small focus groups. Materials adapted from Marie Curie research programme	Social workers, Home First Managers and practioners, residential care home managers via postal questionnaire and short interviews with small family carer focus group organised by SFC	External/ Internal ACS	Fiona Knott	14/6/10	complete
Qualitative Focus on 4 LA's identifying 120 young people (30 each LA). File search of YOT and care files, interviews, developmental measures, inter agency focus groups	40 children known to YJ, 40 LAC not known to CJ, 40 not LAC nor known to CJ. Suffolk to "supply" 10 of each	external	TBC	22/7/10	
The study will involve the use of a postal survey broken down into two sections. The data will then be analysed against the type of services respondents were referred to and the types of disability they had when making the request for information.	The sample will be selected by incorporating all persons that receive an initial assessment by staff in Customer First.	internal	Sandra Clennell	22/7/10	
The study comprises solely a postal survey and so completed wherever and by whichever means each individual recipient feels to be most appropriate.	The Homecare Satisfaction Survey will be diseminated to all individuals in receipt of a council-funded homecare service.	Internal/ External	Sandra Clennell	22/7/10	
Auditors will read entire file records from the date a child was assessed as being a child in need and complete the audit questionnaire. Consultation with case responsible person/practitioners to discuss findings. The audit team will meet to discuss each case to share findings and agree audit report and grading. In appropriate cases, and having consulted with case practitioners, auditors will approach the parents/carers and children concerned, offering a loosely structured face to face or telephone interview.	Sample of cases - random	Internal	Jean Driscoll	22/7/10	complete

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98	The Transitions Journey - from School to adult life for young people with SEN(LDD).	108992	Beth-Norah Fry Centre, Bristol University	Stephanie Graham	The National Transitions Support Programme- Innovations and Outcomes fund	As part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme to establish the effectiveness and efficiency of public sector decision making, funding and commissioning in delivering good outcomes for living a positive life for young people in transition from school to adult life. It is anticipated that the research will underpin and inform a new service redesign.
99	Evaluation of Half-Way House Pilot, Hawthorn drive EPH, Ipswich	108993	Kate Miles	Marie Adams ACS	SCC	To evaluate the effectiveness of a new model of intervention to avoid hospital admission and facilitate early hospital discharge in delivering improved outcomes for older people
100	Consultation into the future of council provided residential care homes for older people in Suffolk	108994	Ian Paterson	Peter Tempest Service Director ACS	SCC	To undertake a full public consultation on 3 specific options for the future of SCC residential care homes for older people
101	MCA audit :	108996	Dominic Nasmyth-Miller	Julie Bateman	SCC	To audit all admissions to specialist residential care for older people over a 6 month time frame to determine whether social work assessments and associated decision making compliant with best practice and MCA legislative requirements
102	What is the experience and meaning of pregnancy from the perspective of pregnant adolescent with a history of social services intervention?	108997	Emilia Mihali	ARU MA programme	self funded	To describe the perspectives, experiences and meanings of pregnancy from the viewpoint of the pregnant teenager and to make recommendations regarding future implications for social work practice including pre birth assessments
103	A review of families' experience of transfer of learning disabilities respite from the NHS to Suffolk County Council	108999	Craig Knott	Mandy Whittaker	SCC	To offer families the opportunity to provide feedback about their experiences of the transfer process identifying areas for improvement in future processes and addressing any outstanding issues
104	Audit of The Suffolk Promise	110156	Jonathan Eckersley	Cliff James	CYP, SCC	Audit to establish whether the Suffolk promise- a pledge to all children Looked After covering standards of care and support has been met.

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It is proposed to identify and select 2 - 3 young people in each of the three categories who have been known to Suffolk County Council Children and Young People's Services. 8 - 12 in total. The research will also involve parent carers and relevant staff involved at the time. Proposed data collection is factual information, Public Services financial information pertaining to the cohort and qualitative data regarding customer satisfaction.	A small cohort of young people who ended their transitional journey between 2003 - 2010 from the following three categories: those who have been in receipt of Improving Choices support; those who have stayed in the county and have used local FE provision; those who were placed out of the county post 16/18 and received LSC funding. Those young people who were educated at home or otherwise.	External/ Internal	Sue Glazer	Deferred 4/10/10 Agreed Nov 2010	
All 25 people who have been admitted to the Half Way House during the pilot period will be hand delivered an evaluation questionnaire to complete and return by their home carers. Assistance to be provided if requested and recorded. Qualitative and quantitative information will be analysed. Unclear if	All those admitted during the 4 month pilot period- approx 25 people	internal	Kate Miles	Deferred 4/10/10 Agreed Nov 2010	
Varied methodology will include meetings with staff and current residents and their families, on line survey and written submissions based on a formal consultation and options document	All current residents, their family carers, staff and interested citizens of Suffolk	internal	Dan Gaul	Approved Nov 2010	
Case analysis of sample of res care admissions and semi structured interviews with practitioners	Sample of admissions to special needs residential care homes over 6 month period	internal	Julie Bateman	Approved Nov 2010	
Small scale qualitative study using semi structured interviews with young pregnant teenagers currently on social services case load	A small sample of 4 young people who will be identified by social workers and approached individually to participate	internal	Ken Simmons	Approved 16/12/10	
Family carers will be offered a range of options to facilitate participation which could include telephone, postal or interview completion of a questionnaire incorporating closed and open questions	A total of 23 families will be approached to participate, but it is not envisaged all will wish to do so. This is the total number of families whose service transferred	internal	Mandy Whittaker	Approved 16/12/10	
A baseline audit was undertaken at the time of the launch of The Promise. This audit will seek to establish whether services have improved and will include a review of recording on electronic files and formal consultaion with social workers, IRO's, carers and children and young people using questionnaires and interviews. All Children will be interviewed face to face as a preference by Children's participation workers if in county and over the phone if OC.	Random sample of 30 looked after children from total of 772 ie 4%	internal	Jonathan Eckersley	Approved 24/2/11	complete

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105	Audit of Private Fostering arrangements	110157	Debbie Dodd	Cliff James	CYP, SCC	Audit to establish compliance with private fostering regulations and to ascertain qualitative information about social work interventions and support
106	Romanian social workers experiences while employed as front line child protection social workers in the UK	110158	Valentin Danciu	Judy Hicks ARU	Brent Council	Exploration of experiences and issues encountered by Romanian social workers in their work in the UK and their support needs, including issues which contribute to returning to Romania and those which contribute to staying and continuing to work in the UK. The aim will be to inform recruitment and retention strategies in international recruitment
107	An exploration of the effectiveness of SW practice for children who have been witness to domestic violence	110159	Gertrude Chimbo-Muparutsa	Judy Hicks ARU	CYP	Exploration of how front line practitioners working within CYP will develop their understanding of effective practice when working with children who have been witnesses to domestic violence
108	Costs and Outcomes of Skilled Support for people with complex needs	No SCC entry on SCIE database	Dr Julie Beadle-Brown and Jennifer Leigh	Kent university Tizzard centre	National Institute of Health Research school for social care research	1)To evaluate the impact of skilled staff support on the lives of people with complex needs 2) To describe the nature of the support required and its implications
109	The effect of a more streamlined pathway upon customer experience	112839	Craig Knott	Jill Korwin	ACS	To understand the impact of a more streamlined assessment process upon customers experiences of Suffolk social care services via a direct comparison with those who went through the pilot assessment pathway and those who did not
110	The unmet advocacy needs of socially excluded groups and communities within Suffolk	112840	Dr Olivia Sagan	Dr Penny Caavenagh UCS	Suffolk Advocacy Forum	To identify and gather information about the advocacy needs of socially excluded groups and communities within Suffolk:- to identify gaps or weaknesses in current provision, to specify the impact of unmet need on identified groups, to identify new and emerging advocacy needs and highlight the potential impact of any funding arrangements

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Methodology	Target Population	External/ Internal Research	Depart-mental Link	RGG Approval Date	Output
Questionnaire to privately fostered children, parents and foster parents	3 children per locality aged 12+ ie 12 in total and parents/ carers	internal	Debra Dodd	Approved 24/2/11	complete
Qualitative semi structured interviews with professionals	Purposive sampling. 3x social workers who are currently practising in the uk and 3 x social workers who have returned to Romania after employment in the UK. All will have worked in LA children's services teams and have a minimum of 3 years experience	external	personal contact with participants via own networks	Approved 21/3/11	
Small scale qualitative research using "patch work text style". Semi structured interviews with family support practitioners and social workers	5 practitioners will be interviewed within one geographical location	internal	The Willows Children's centre	Approved 21/3/11	
Identification of settings for people in subject group. Measurement of participant characteristics, quality of life, quality of support and costs using both quantitative and qualitative data in form of observational methods, questionnaires and interviews	200 people who have severe or profound learning disabilities and who also have a serious challenging behaviour and/or additional multiple disabilities and/or autism. Half sample will be selected by providers who consider they have staff teams offering a good service and half will be drawn randomly from a sample of registered providers in the same locality matched for age and level of ability	external	Link will be directly of manager of registered service both internal and external	Approved 26/05/11	
compare the experience of two groups of customers who navigated and completed the assessment and support planning processes via administering a structured questionnaire for both customers and their advocates . Customers will be contacted by letter and asked to complete and return the questionnaire . There will be an offer of telephone or face to face interview. Participation is not fully informed as no reference will be made to the pilot or control group. Quantitative data will be subject to statistical analysis with qualitative responses coded thematically	There will be two samples. Sample one will comprise customers assessed by staff within the 2 pilot structures and sample two those who were assessed by staff working outside the pilot structure during the same time period as sample one. Sample sizes will be determined once the eligible population is known	internal	care quality monitoring team helen Clarke	Approved 26/05/11	
Through liaison with existing advocacy groups to engage in snowball sampling with development of further approaches should this fail to deliver a satisfactory sample. Methodology will include face to face interviews, focus groups and a small number of telephone interviews	A sample of 25 individuals and 5-10 groups and/or representatives of groups	external	Derek Amner	provisional approval 26/05/11	

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111	Department of Health Fair Access to Care Services (FACs) survey	No SCC entry on SCIE database	Tom Snell, Research Officer, PSSRU, LSE	LSE PSSRU	DoH	Survey on application of FACs assessment criteria to inform forthcoming white paper on care and support by exploring authority level eligibility policies, total client numbers; The aim of the white paper is to consider how funding for social care should work in future as a partnership between state and individuals.
112	Have your say on SCC's proposal to close the residential respite services Brooklands and Lincoln Avenue	112882	Craig Knott	Sharon Miller ACS	ACS	To obtain feedback from key stakeholders on proposals to reduce residential respite beds by seven resulting in the closure of 2 units alongside establishing customers views on how an alternative system of personal budgets for short breaks or respite might work best
113	What are the needs and wishes of carers of people with dementia?	112886	Lisa Harding	UEA	ACS	To ascertain needs and wishes of carers of people with dementia including their support needs, experiences of the assessment process and whether current support meets needs and aspirations
114	Keeping Children Safe at home	No SCC entry on SCIE database	Gosia Majsak-Newman, NNUH		National Institute of Health research	Cluster randomised trial of an injury prevention briefing to be delivered in childrens centres to reduce fire related injuries
115	Intensive evidence based interventions project: needs analysis	No SCC entry on SCIE database	Susan Bailey UEA	John Gregg CYP	Department for Education	To determine and analyse the needs, costs, demographic profile and numbers of children and young people in Suffolk who may benefit from the the Department for Education programme for evidence based intensive interventions for looked after children. The school of social work at UEA has been asked by the DfE to undertake this analysis before April 2012, the planned start date for the interventions. The interventions are required in the context of increasing numbers, cost and in some cases instability for looked after children.
116	Recognition and Telling: developing earlier routes to safety for children and young people		Jeanette Cossar UEA	Office of the Children's Commissioner	Office of the Children's Commissioner	To identify and understand the different contexts in which young people seek help and to work alongside young people to develop an analysis of helpful approaches as a basis for proposals about the development of further services, improved access and improved response to young people by the child protection system.

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All local authorities invited to participate in survey which will quantify the numbers of people in each FACs band and the size of peoples care packages to help understand how state resources are currently distributed	Alongside financial and performance information accessed via survey monkey another survey will be completed by a small number of case managers - approx 9 per authority which asks how hypothetical cases are most likley to be assessed according to the authorities current eligibility policy	external	Anna Mc Creadie	approval 22/06/11	
Formal consultation document with attached survey plus opportunity for face to face discussion with key staff as part of the consultation process	All family carers and services user directly and indirectly affected with face to face intevriews offered to those directly affected by proposed service closure	internal	Sharon Miller	approval 22/06/11	
5 carers already attend groups semi structured face to face questions/interview		internal/ external	Age UK and Alzheimers soc	approval 22/06/11	
Parents will be asked to complete a questionnaire at the start and end of the study. This will ask about home safety information they have received from their children's centre and the activities they have participated in, what they do at home to help keep young children safe and what home safety information and activities they find helpful and would find helpful in the future.	Children's centres to be asked to recruit families who have at least one child under 3 years old, to take part in the study.	External	Research Governance Group	approval 11/07/11	
Analysis, by the main reseracher, of the Suffolk County Council Children In Need database using a 'snapshot' of the data at the end of March 2011. No indentifying information will be given to the researcher and no children or foster carers will be contacted either directly or indirectly	The project will use secondary anonymised data only. See methodology.	External	Paul Schofield, Project Manager	approval 22.9.11	
Face to face interviews with 30 children and young people. Focus groups with a) Children and young people b) Family members of children who have received support services and c) professionals providing services to children and young people. To work with Anglia Ruskin University (Darren Sharpe) to recruit young people to work as young researchers alongside the professional reserachers to develop interview tools, co-facilitate two school based workshops and help to analyse the Childline message board.	To interview 30 children and young people known to a range of targeted services - eg YOS, school exclusion. To hold focus groups as described in the methodology. To recruit 7 'young researchers' from approx 20 young people nominated by the Children's Rights service.	External	tbc		