

ODI MONTHLY RESEARCH SUMMARY – MAY 2007

Please find below the ODI Social Research Team's monthly summary of published disability related research. The aim is to disseminate briefing on new research according to key ODI themes such as; Young People, Human Rights, Employment, Independent Living and Older People. This summary may not cover all disability related research reports of interest published in the last month. If you feel there is an important report I have missed please forward to me and I will include in the next summary.

[Note - The views expressed in these reports are not necessarily those held by the ODI or any other Government Department].

Employment

New Deal for Disabled People: Third synthesis report. Key findings from the evaluation. Bruce Stafford et al. DWP Research report 430.

This report highlights key findings from 18 previously published reports on the evaluation. It covers developments in the programme from its launch to November 2006, and synthesises findings from fieldwork with NDDP participants, employers, members of the eligible population, those delivering the programme (notably staff from Job Brokers and Jobcentre Plus offices), and from administrative data.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep430.pdf>

Evaluation of the New Deal for Disabled People: The cost and cost-benefit analyses. By David Greenberg and Abigail Davis. DWP Research Report 431

This report describes the New Deal for Disabled People (NDDP) cost analysis and cost-benefit analysis, which were conducted as part of an extensive evaluation of NDDP, and reports findings from both of these analyses. The overall objective of the cost analysis was to determine how much money the Government spent in operating NDDP. The analysis is also aimed at determining whether NDDP improves the well being of those who registered with Job Brokers.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep431.pdf>

Long-term Impacts of the New Deal for Disabled People. By Larry L. Orr, Stephen H. Bell and Ken Lam. DWP Research report 432.

This report investigates the extent to which job broker services increased participants' movement off disability-related benefit and into work, compared to would have happened without programme. It compares outcomes for 29,000 NDDP participants and a carefully matched group of 260,000 eligible nonparticipants who were unaffected by the programme.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep432.pdf>

Landlords responses to the Disability Discrimination Act. By Jane Aston, Darcy Hill and Ceri Williams. DWP Research Report 429.

This research explores landlords' awareness of and responses to the DDA, looking particularly at issues relating to changes to policies and procedures and adjustments.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep429.pdf>

Employment of Disabled people. Good Practice in the Voluntary Sector. By Grampian opportunities.

This qualitative research looked at employment of disabled people in Grampian. Employment was considered in the wider sense including volunteering, work training and supported employment. Findings include examples of best practice, making accessibility adjustments and the benefits to employers of employing disabled people.

<http://www.grampianopportunities.org.uk/site/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=36>

Families with children in Britain: findings from the 2005 Families and Children Study (FACS). DWP Research Report 424. By Lorenc Hoxhallari, Anne Conolly and Nick Lyon.

This is the seventh of a series of annual surveys, which investigate the circumstances of British families with dependent children. This report presents descriptive findings, and is divided into a number of chapters, each of which looks at distinct features of family life. Outcomes are analysed by disability status where possible.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep424.pdf>

Independent Living

The Office for Disability Issues has published two research reports commissioned under the Independent Living Review:

Better outcomes, lower costs. Implications for health and social care budgets of investment in housing adaptations, improvements and equipment: a review of the evidence. By Frances Heywood and Lynn Turner, University of Bristol.

And

The costs and benefits of independent living. By Jennifer Hurstfield, Urvashi Parashar and Kerry Schofield. SQW Ltd.

This summarises existing evidence about investment in independent living.

<http://www.officefordisability.gov.uk/publications/>

DWP Quarterly Statistical Summary

EDITED VERSION - This DWP release can be seen in FULL at <http://www.gnn.gov.uk>

Introduction

This Statistical Summary aims to give users a structured overview of the National Statistics published by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). Statistics are grouped by component area of DWP and, for each statistic, links are given for users

to access more detailed information. These include numbers of people claiming Incapacity Benefit, Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance.

Key benefit statistics and New Deal statistics from 100% sources are available on an internet-based tabulation tool.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2007/may/efd140207ssfeb07.pdf>