

What is the Public Service Academy?

The University of Birmingham's Policy Commission into the future of public services invigorated our thinking about how public services are being reshaped and how the University can work with key partners, in particular Birmingham City Council (BCC), to ensure that research intelligence and expertise from across the University can be made best use of in understanding, envisioning and delivering public services. The establishment of the Public Service Academy (PSA) in January 2012 was a key response by the University to this challenge.

The PSA brings together the public service expertise of the College of Social Sciences and provides one conduit through which this expertise can be brought to public service providers, whether in the public, private or voluntary sectors.

[Looking Forward, Looking Back \(/schools/public-service-academy/about/looking-back-forward.aspx\)](/schools/public-service-academy/about/looking-back-forward.aspx) gives a report on the highlights of the work of the PSA to date, and outlines the priorities for the current academic year.

More information about the Policy Commission's report on the future of public services and the work of Birmingham Policy Commissions can be at **www.birmingham.ac.uk/policycommissions** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/policycommissions>).