Interlinks

Health systems and long term care for older people in Europe: Modelling the interfaces and links between prevention, rehabilitation, quality of services and informal care (INTERLINKS)

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HSMC are a partner in a European consortium undertaking the three-year **INTERLINKS** research project. The consortium activities, led by the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (Austria), are funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme.

INTERLINKS explores long-term care systems for older people from a European perspective. The research has a focus on developing knowledge about links between health and social care services, quality assurance systems and mechanisms, prevention and rehabilitation services and informal care. HSMC lead on 'governance and finance' issues.

INTERLINKS is creating analytical tools to enable Member States and other countries to explore how different aspects of long-term care can be managed to enhance structures, processes and outcomes (see **http://interlinks.euro.centre.org/project (http://interlinks.euro.centre.org/project)**). These contributions are particularly timely given current UK discussions around reform of long-term care in the context of rapidity of demographic change and development of new medical technologies.

The results of **INTERLINKS** will be presented from 12-14 October 2011 at the Final Conference in Baden near Vienna, Austria.

Outcomes

Three themed European overview reports and **two** national reports have been produced as follows:

- **Governance and finance of long-term care (European Overview, Work Package 6) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-wp6-final.pdf)**
- **Prevention and rehabilitation in long-term care (European Overview, Work Package 3) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-prevention-rehabilitation.pdf)**
- **Quality assurance and quality management in long-term care (European Overview, Work Package 4) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-quality-management.pdf)**
- **The role of informal care in long-term care (European Overview, Work Package 5) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-informal-care.pdf)**
- **English report on Prevention and Rehabilitation (UK National Report, Work Package 3) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-work-package-3.pdf)**
- **Governance and Finance (UK National Report, Work Package 6) (/Documents/college-social-sciences/social-policy/HSMC/research/interlinks-work-package-6.pdf)**

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