

Departments

The School of Social Policy is an international leader in research and teaching in social policy and social work, examining key social issues and problems and the ways in which politicians, institutions and professionals respond.

The School comprises the following two Departments:

[Health Services Management Centre \(HSMC\) \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx)



HSMC is one of the leading centres specialising in policy, development, education and research in health and social care services in the UK. Its prime purpose is to strengthen the management and leadership of these services and to promote improved health and wellbeing.

It is based in Park House, located close to the heart of the campus with fully equipped library and information services, comfortable teaching rooms, restaurant, IT/internet services and onsite administration.

[More about the Health Services Management Centre \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/index.aspx)

[Institute of Applied Social Studies \(IASS\) \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/index.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/index.aspx)

IASS's research and teaching interests range widely across the fields of social policy, social care and health and professional practice. We run what is believed to be the oldest, continually running social work training course in the country. Having provided social work education since 1908, when one of the first Diplomas in Social Studies in the UK was established at the University, we celebrated our centenary in 2008.

[More about the Institute of Applied Social Studies \(/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/index.aspx\)](/schools/social-policy/departments/applied-social-studies/index.aspx)

The School is part of the **College of Social Sciences** (<http://www.about.bham.ac.uk/colleges/socialsciences/index.shtml>).

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