

School of Social Policy facilities

The School of Social Policy comprises the Institute of Applied Social Studies (IASS) and the Health Services Management Centre (HSMC).

Institute of Applied Social Studies

The Institute of Applied Social Studies is located within the newly refurbished Muirhead Tower and enjoys hi-spec, hi-tech teaching facilities. Close to the grand traditional redbrick buildings of Aston Webb, the Institute is conveniently located on our leafy Edgbaston campus.

Muirhead Tower comprises 12,000 sq.m of floor space between two towers. The tower includes a number of sustainable features including solar shading (known in the trade as 'brise soleil' to control temperatures, as well as low energy fans; timed lighting to reduce energy waste; natural ventilation systems and a heat source taken from the University's combined heat and power generator.

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Health Services Management Centre

HSMC has been based at Park House since it was established in 1972. It was built for John Hawkins a local screw manufacturer and is an imposing building, set in extensive grounds near Edgbaston Pool and the University campus.

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As well as the main [University Library \(/libraries/index.aspx\)](#), HSMC has a [dedicated library and resource room \(/facilities/hsmc-library/index.aspx\)](#). It is a specialist information provider which houses a unique collection of books, journals and electronic material on the non-clinical aspects of health care, including: health policy, NHS management, leadership and partnership working.

[HSMC Library and resource room \(/facilities/hsmc-library/index.aspx\)](#)

[Main University library \(/libraries/index.aspx\)](#)

Cadbury Research Library

The [Cadbury Research Library \(/facilities/cadbury/index.aspx\)](#), in the Muirhead Tower, is the new home for Special Collections and Archives of the University of Birmingham. The archive consists of approximately 200,000 pre-1850 books dating from 1471 and some 4 million manuscripts. Special Collections is responsible for directly supporting the University's research, learning and teaching agenda by collecting and making fully accessible all collections and seeking to acquire material which ties into this agenda.

The Cadbury Research Library welcomes all interested users, both staff and students of the University and members of the public.

