



# SLS-DSU

SCOTTISH LONGITUDINAL STUDY  
DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT UNIT

## SLS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of the SLS newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the SLS newsletter, which keeps you up-to-date on the Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS), including latest news, events and publications.

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### NEWS

#### 2011 Census Linkage

As of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the linked 2011 Census data will be available for research use.

Any researchers who wish to extend a current SLS project may use the shorter [SLS extension form](#). This cut-down form is only applicable if your research question and type of variables to be used have not altered significantly since your original application.

Any new projects or significantly altered projects can apply via the standard application process. The [step-by-step guide](#) on our website walks you through this procedure.

If you have any queries regarding the new 2011 Census linkage or the SLS in general, please contact us:

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#### SLS Approved Researcher

All new researchers are now required to attain Approved Researcher status by completing the [SLS Approved Researcher Application Form](#) (PDF 896KB) and if using NHS health data are also required to complete Safe Researcher Training ([more info](#))

#### Policy Impact

Are you involved with a current project or recently completed research on a project? If so, we would love to hear about any impact your research has had, whether it be at local or national level.

Your responses would be greatly appreciated as it will help us to collect regular and up-to-date information which will enable us to demonstrate the array of policy-relevant research that has been completed and help justify the current and future funding of the SLS.

## NEW SLS PROJECTS

Project id	Title	Researcher
<a href="#">2014_003</a>	Longitudinal Study of Nurses in Scotland: workforce dynamics	Dr Iain Atherton
<a href="#">2014_004</a>	A Study of Intergenerational Social Class Mobility in Scotland: Messages from the Census about Social Fluidity and its implications for Scottish education policy and practice	Prof Chris Holligan

More details of current SLS projects can be found in the [Projects](#) section of our website.

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## EVENTS

### Introduction to the Scottish Longitudinal Study (SLS)

The Scottish Longitudinal Study Development & Support Unit (SLS-DSU), supported by National Records of Scotland, are hosting the seminar 'Introduction to the Scottish Longitudinal Study' on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at New Register House in Edinburgh.

For more information and to sign-up for the event please visit the [booking page](#). Spaces are restricted, but please add your name to the WaitList if it is sold out.

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## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

### Vital events update – Spring 2015

Birth, death, marriage and migration data will be updated in the spring of next year. The data will be updated to the end of 2013.

### Education data update – Spring 2015

Education data will be updated to 2012/13 in the spring of next year. There will also be a few new variables added to the extract, which will be available for all years (where applicable):

- Main home language
- Other home language
- Gaelic education
- Student need category and type
- SEED code for the SQA data along with year of qualification.

### Addition of historical postcode data

The addition of CHI postcode data back to 2001 has been approved by CHIAG subject to the completion of a Memorandum of Understanding between NSS and NRS covering information governance arrangements. This is currently being developed and we hope to begin work on this project early next year.

### Scottish Mental Study 1947 data

The project to create a unique life-course dataset containing information from childhood to old age linking the SMS1947 to the 1939 National Register and the SLS (~4000 people born in 1936) has progressed over the past year.

Records are currently being manually matched by NHSCR, with the linkage expected to take up to 12 months. We hope that this data will be made available for research use next year.