

POPULATION AND MIGRATION STATISTICS COMMITTEE (SCOTLAND)**Local Authority Projections of Disabled Populations**

Glasgow City Council is participating, with a number of other authorities in England, in a research exercise being conducted by the Cathie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR) at the University of Manchester. The purpose of this research is to estimate future rates of disabilities and to apply these to the projected populations of the authorities concerned. This work is undertaken by Alan Marshall as part of a PhD study and is supervised by Ludi Simpson. One of the expected outputs from the study is an additional module in the POPGROUP software, which will allow POPGROUP users to produce their own population projections by disability in the future.

Outputs and Timings

The project started in October 2006 and is expected to take three years. CCSR is committed to the following outputs from the study:

1. An interim projection of the disabled population for each of the participating authorities using census data on limiting long-term illness. These reports were delivered in January 2007.
2. An evaluation of datasets and methodologies available for estimates and projections of the disabled population for local authorities, with consideration of different types and levels of disability. A report on this evaluation is to be completed in January 2008.
3. A final projection of the disabled population for each of the participating authorities, due for delivery in January 2009. It will use the most appropriate evaluated datasets and methods, with full documentation and interpretation. It will give different types and levels of disability if the data allow these to be achieved reliably.

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