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# Social Policy Digest Online

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The Digest provides a summary of current policy developments and research findings across the whole range of social policy fields, such as poverty and social security, education, health, housing, social services and the labour market. Cross-cutting subject areas include children and the family, disability, gender, mental health, old age, race/ethnicity and young people. There are also separate groupings for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Going online has allowed a range of improvements to the Digest. It now carries nearly twice the number of entries each month as before, and for each entry there are hyperlinks to key source documents. Entries go back as far as May 2002. By the end of 2003 there were already over 5,000 entries in total on the site.

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We hope you will visit the online Digest, and that you find it useful. We welcome feedback via the address on the Digest homepage.

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