

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

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Title of project or programme

English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA)

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Total sum awarded (Euro)

€ 8,911,875

Start date of award

01/12/2000

Total duration of award in years

17.3

The project/programme is most relevant to:

Alzheimer's disease & other dementias

Keywords

Research Abstract

This is a longitudinal study of ageing. Data will be collected by following up respondents to the 1998, 2000, and 2001 Health Surveys for England (HSE) making it very cost-effective. The first round of the study will interview a representative sample of 13,000 English people aged 50 years or more in 2001/2. The primary objective is to collect longitudinal data that will provide a crucial resource for exploring issues related to ageing and enable a better understanding of the dynamics of ageing and the implications for policy and service provision in the future.

The LSA will provide the following health and biomedical information:

- * Self-reported physical health – to assess changes over time with regard to specific illnesses and general health;
- * Prevalence of cardiovascular disease – as one of the most important cause of mortality and a key component in diseases related to stress which contributes to inequalities in health;
- * Prevalence of particular diseases – whether and how they lead to disability;
- * Cognitive processes, ageing and early stage dementia;
- * Psychological health;
- * Physical measurements and biological samples eg lipid profiles – to predict decrements in physical functioning such as CHD and stroke;
- * Contact with primary and secondary health services and receipt of formal and informal care.

Data collected from ELSA will be deposited in the ESRC Data Archive. It's website is www.ifs.org.uk/index.shtml.

Aims

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Plan of Investigation

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Potential Impact

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Policy Relevance

Longitudinal panel data such as this will contribute at a number of levels to the policy-making of various government departments.

Lay Summary

Further information available at:

Types:

Investments > €500k

Member States:

United Kingdom

Diseases:

Alzheimer's disease & other dementias

Years:

2016

Database Categories:

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