

## **SOURCES OF SOCIAL STATISTICS IN THE UK**

### **Who should take this course?**

This course is aimed primarily at managers in small organisations who need to use social statistics but are not confident about their knowledge of the range of options available to them.

### **What prior knowledge is required?**

No prior knowledge of statistics is required. Participants will be expected to be knowledgeable in their own area of social policy.

### **What will the course cover?**

This is a one-day course, covering the following topics:

- How are data collected on social issues and how does the method of collection affect its reliability?
- What raw data are available and how can it be accessed?
- Where are social data published and what kind of statistics are available?
- To what extent are data available on small areas?
- Is it worth collecting new data for a particular purpose?
- Data issues arising from devolution

The course is designed for a small group of people. We expect 10-12 participants. The normal maximum is 15.

### **What outcomes should participants expect?**

On completion of the course, participants will:

- Understand the differences between census, survey and administrative data;
- Understand the Office for National Statistics (ONS) geographic classification and be aware of the types of data available for areas of different sizes;
- Feel comfortable about searching for new sources of data on social issues;
- Be able to commission new data collection if required.

### **How much does the course cost?**

The fee for the course is £275 +VAT (£323.13 in total) including course documentation, lunch and refreshments in morning and afternoon breaks. Cancellation is possible without penalty until 4 weeks before the course date. Cancellations taking place more than one week but less than 3 weeks before the course date will be subject to a £60 administration charge. We regret that cancellations less than one week before the course date will not be entitled to a refund.

Detailed information on venue and programme will be provided after registration.