

BILL SARGENT TRUST - REPORTS, LECTURES AND OUTCOMES

	RESEARCH PROJECTS	
Date	Report	Outcome
1998	<i>Health Needs of Families Living in Temporary Accommodation</i> The aims of the research were to examine: • to what extent do children and families living in temporary accommodation in Portsmouth have unmet physical and mental health needs? • how can statutory and voluntary agencies better support access to appropriate services to meet the physical and mental health needs of children and families living in temporary accommodation in Portsmouth?	• Stakeholder conference 1998. Policy makers reviewed findings • Contributed to local policy development on responses to families in temporary accommodation – impacted on improved service delivery • Sense of recognition to families involved in the study.
1998	<i>Pilot Monitoring Project for Young Single Homeless People in South East Hampshire</i> Commissioned from the Social Services Research and Information Unit at the University of Portsmouth, to • provide a snap shot of the pattern of expressed needs of young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or in serious housing need in Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport and Havant; • pilot a common data collection system to enable the development of a regular monitoring system of agencies involved with young people.	• Recommended simple single forms of monitoring to be jointly agreed by local agencies. • Conference reviewed outcomes. • Implementation was taken on by another HA which failed to deliver.

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1998	<i>Southsea Social Audit. Hidden social exclusion within an area of relative affluence</i> The purpose of the audit was to identify unmet needs for services and facilities for people experiencing deprivation and social exclusion in Southsea, an established central city area predominately private and privately rented property within a Victorian housing stock. It brought together previous research and a variety of quantitative data, but also involved informal interviews with both service providers and users.	• PCC established a community development post to work on some of the key issues emerging – eg elderly isolation and needs of and integration of asylum seekers • Unsuccessful attempt to establish a PHA tenants group
1999	<i>Evaluation of The Housing Corporation Innovation & Good Practice Grant Programme for Rowner Estate, Gosport</i> Reviewed impact of HC funded programme of Community Development on Rowner estate	• identified range of learning points for future community development in the area.
2000	<i>Follow Up Report Health Needs Of Families Living In Temporary Accommodation</i>	• Followed up original sample to identify progress and longer term outcomes. Suggested that longer term health impacts were negligible.
2001	<i>Portsmouth and its Asylum Seekers.</i> Commissioned because local agencies were concerned about the lack of a central point of knowledge on asylum seekers in the aftermath of the Asylum and Immigration Act	• Provided information on extent and needs of local asylum seekers community • Exposed failings by Social services and led

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	1999. The research also identified potential gaps in provision, and ways to meet unmet needs through the role of the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group.(PARS)	- to significant changes in service delivery - played a key role in the development of PARS, and its subsequent successful application for Community Fund grant to operate a range of support services for 3 years.
2001	<i>Who Needs Housing in the Portsmouth Area'.</i> Cambride University were commissioned to carry out a desktop review of housing need in SE Hants based on a similar report for the NHF for the whole SE region. This report included estimates of future demand and need for housing based on the Government's 1998-based population projections. It explored the reasons for the predicted household growth and the potential for the local economic growth. It compared existing planning policies at county, unitary authority and district level. It concluded by assessing the problems and opportunities for meeting future housing needs.	- Contributed to raising the importance of housing provision within local policy context - recommended a collaborative approach to reviewing housing need which led to the four local authorities combining to jointly commission a SE Hants Housing needs survey.
2003	<i>Executive summary 'SE Hants Housing Market Study'.</i> BST sponsored the publication of the public summary of this study which had involved the four local authorities who together commissioned a team from Cambridge University and the LSE to analyse the local housing market and the need for affordable homes	The publication of this study and the launch event sponsored by BST resulted in commitments by the local authorities to work more closely together on housing policy to meet affordable homes target across the area.

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2006	<i>The Impact of Credit on the Financially Excluded.</i> WM Enterprise Consultants commissioned to evaluate the impact on the lives of people who had received loans from South Coast Money Line and from Portsmouth Savers Credit Union in Portsmouth.	• The research aims to inform the practice of local lending organisations as well as feed into wider policy debate about the value and benefit of community based lending.
2009	<i>Worklessness</i> Andrew Preskey commissioned to obtain unemployed social housing residents experiences and views on employment and training, motivations, their views on the adequacy of support services and what made a good service and evaluate residents responses to an in house 1st step Information, Advice and Guidance service. The research was carried out in 2009, including the training of 6 residents as community researchers. A summary of the full report is currently in preparation.	• The research was a response to the Hills Report and associated national policy initiatives and research on Housing Associations and worklessness. • The key findings are being disseminated through a proposed event in March/April 2010 aiming to bring together RSLs, service providers and funders in the Hampshire area. • First Wessex is running an 18month pilot first step IAG service for Eastleigh & Portsmoutht to follow up on learning from the research.

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2010	MOD Julian Dobson of New Start was commissioned to look at ways of raising awareness of the importance of maximising sustainable community benefit from the disposal of Ministry of Defence land by demonstrating the extent of MOD landholdings in particular areas, the economic impact of closure of activities and the potential for major community benefits and losses.	• A literature review has been completed. • Focus group and 1 to 1 discussions with key stakeholders in Hampshire and nationally are being completed in January 2010. • The BST trustees will review progress with Julian & next steps in February 2010

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	MEMORIAL LECTURES /DEBATES	
2001	'The Church's engagement with social issues ' Archbishop of York – Dr David Hope	• Led to PHA negotiating purchase of church land for housing at below market value – i.e. Bill Sargent Crescent
2003	Community Cohesion in Britain -Ted Cantle	• Raised debate among key local leaders about Portsmouth's role and response to community cohesion
2005	Combating Financial Exclusion (both locally and nationally) Bob Paterson	• Led to BST establishing research project on impact of lending locally
2008	Poverty Debate – Panel including David Carpenter (Principal Lecturer in Social & Political Philosophy - Portsmouth University), Carole Damper (Manager, The Roberts Centre), Sarah McCarthy Fry MP, (Assistant Government Whip), Lord Oakeshott of Seagrove Bay (Lib Dem Spokesperson in the Lords on Treasury and Work & Pensions), David Willetts MP, (Shadow Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities & Skills). Chair: Rev. Bob White	• Raised poverty as local issue. • Broadcast on Express FM • Portsmouth CC subsequently developed anti-poverty strategy.