

Data in the Spotlight: Qualitative and Mixed Methods

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What is the UK Data Service?

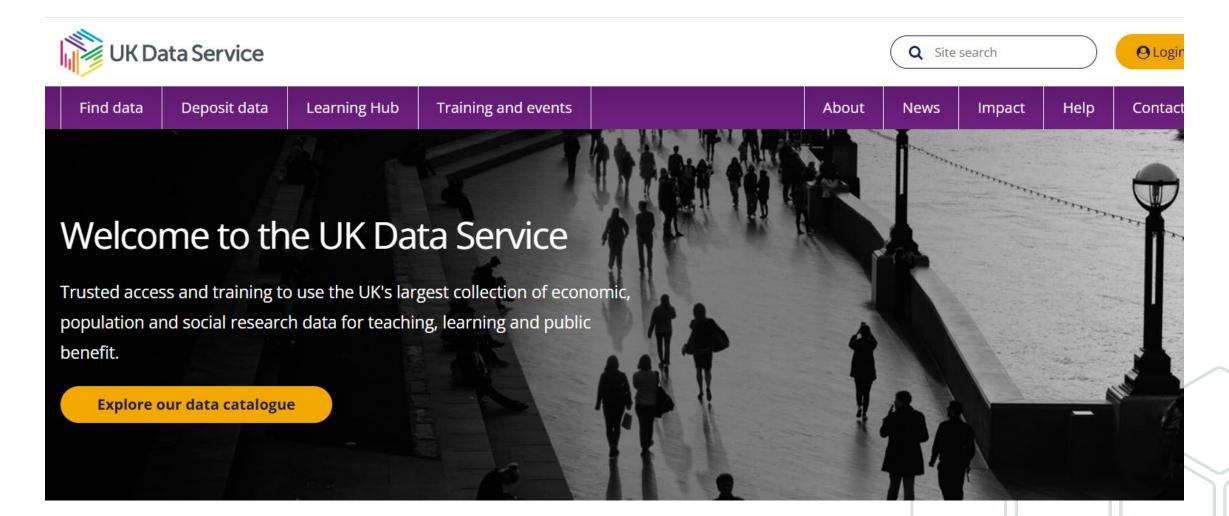
- a comprehensive resource funded by the ESRC
- a single point of access to a wide range of secondary social science data
- support, training and guidance

Who is it for?

- Academic researchers and students
- Government analysts
- Charities and foundations
- Business consultants
- Independent research centres
- Think tanks



http://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk



Types of data collections

- Survey microdata
 - Cross-sectional
 - Panel / Longitudinal
 - Cross-national
- Aggregate statistics
 - International microdata
- Census data
 - Aggregate data for 1971 -2011
 - Microdata for 1991, 2001 and 2011
- Synthetic Data
- Qualitative and mixed methods data

Sources of data

- Official agencies mainly central government
- International statistical time series
- Research institutions
- Individual academics research grants
- Market research agencies
- Public records/historical sources

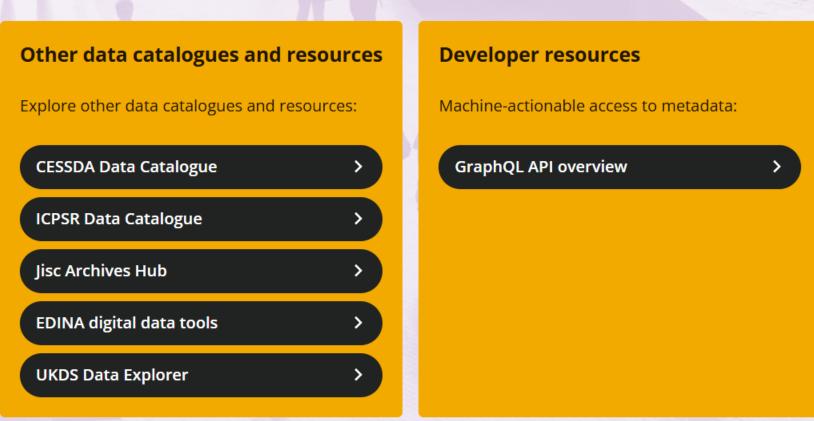
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Explore data resources

Additional data resources



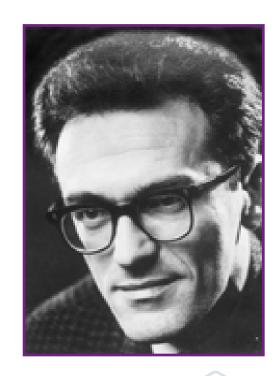


Key data – qualitative and mixed

- Quality and capacity in inclusive research with people with learning disabilities (SN851891)
- Inter/generational dynamics (SN851890)
- Chronic Illness and Online Networking: expectations, assumptions, and everyday realities (SN851964)
- Coalitional presidentialism in comparative perspective: minority executives in multiparty systems (SN852003)
- Family Life and Work Experience Before 1918 (SN2000)

The Last Refuge (SN 4750)

- Peter Townsend conducted a major investigation of long-stay institutional care for old people in Britain in the late 1950s.
- In-depth interviews with 67 local authority chief welfare officers and with serving staff and residents of 173 institutions.
- Photographs and field notes about the condition of the buildings and the facilities were created.
- Diaries were also kept by a number of residents and staff.



The Last Refuge photographs



The Last Refuge: impact

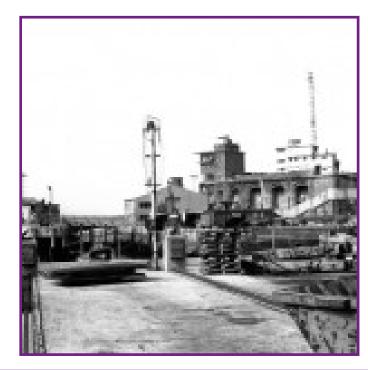
- Pioneering use of qualitative data on old age, retirement, isolation, services, etc.
- Major policy implications by questioning whether long-stay institutions for the elderly were still needed.
- Also recommended improvements that institutions could adopt.

The Last Refuge - a survey of residential institutions and Homes for the aged in England and Wales Peter Townsend

SN 4867: School Leavers Study

Principal investigator: Ray Pahl

In 1978, teachers at a comprehensive school on the Isle of Sheppey were asked to set an essay about 10 days before pupils were due to leave school. They were then asked to write an imaginary account of their life over the next 30 or 40 years.





Living and Working on Sheppey study

What Sheppey's young people said in 1978

141 essays (89 boys and 52 girls)

Mundane & grounded jobs.

Gradual career progression.

Periods of unemployment.

- "It was hard finding a job, I failed a few chances, but eventually got what I wanted locally, a craft apprenticeship" (Essay no.27, male)
- "I was on the dole for six months after leaving school, until I got a job in a garage" (Essay no.42, male)
- "I longed for something exciting and challenging. But yet again I had to settle for second best. I began working in a large clothes factory" (Essay no.104, female)

Living and Working on Sheppey study

What Sheppey's young people said about work in 2010

110 essays (55 boys and 55 girls)

Well-paid, instantaneous jobs.

Choice but uncertainty.

Influence of celebrity culture.

- "I was 20 now living the dream I had a amazing band...I had toured the world 3 times sold 4 million records" (Essay no.30, male)
- "I arrive at my 3-bedroom luxury villa; I land my helicopter on my own heli-pad and walk inside. I grab my keys and jump in my Bentley Continental GTS." (Essay no.40, male)
- "In my future I want to become either: a dance teacher, hairdresser, or a Professional Show Jumper/horse rider. If I do become a dancer my dream would be to dance for Beyoncé or someone really famous" (Essay no.61, female)

Search

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Living and Working on Sheppey



Welcome to this website where you can find material from two research projects about the Isle of Sheppey!

Our latest work (2013-14) is a project called **Imagine Sheppey** which is about how young people imagine the future. This builds on our previous work in **Living and Working on Sheppey: Past, Present and Future** (2009-11) where we explored the history and changes in working lives on Sheppey in the last decades of the 20th century and into the 21st. You can find out about both projects here!

If you are curious about young people and wonder about how they see the world and themselves within it, and what they imagine their futures have in store for them, you might be interested in:

- Our Imagine Sheppey Fast Forward video made by the artists, Tea coming soon!
- · Reading and listening to short essays written by young people in 2009-10 where they talk

Home

Imagine Sheppey Fast Forward

Fast Forward Workshops

Imagine Sheppey Fast Forward Video

Living and Working on Sheppey

Older people's memories

Young people and the future

1978 Essay Writers Facebook Page

Ray Pahl's Sheppey Studies

Access to data

National Child Development Survey

- Follows lives of 17,000 people born in one week of 1958.
- Collects information on physical and educational development, economic circumstances, employment, family life, health behaviour, wellbeing, social participation and attitudes.





National Child Development Survey

In 1969, aged 11, children wrote essays about how they imagined their life would be like at age 25.

Over 500 essays.

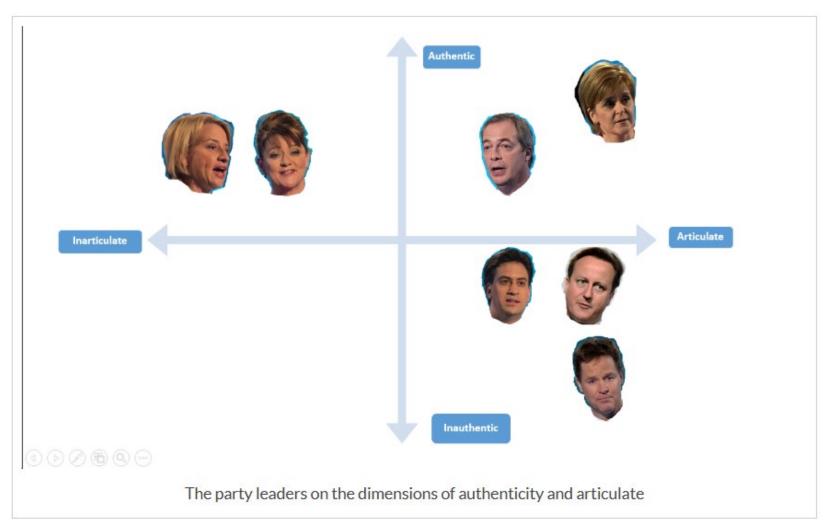
Now possible to match with data on how their lives actually turned out...at 25, 45, and 55.



Qualitative Election Study of Britain



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The UK Independence Party

Shouty.

Blass Eye Grade: F.

Topic: Seficit Grade: F.

Comments: Slags off foreign aid, EU +

scots in I minute. Keeps blaming



Topic: NHS.

Comments: Funded by the maney we currently give to nasty foreigness + Scottesh people.

Topspot.

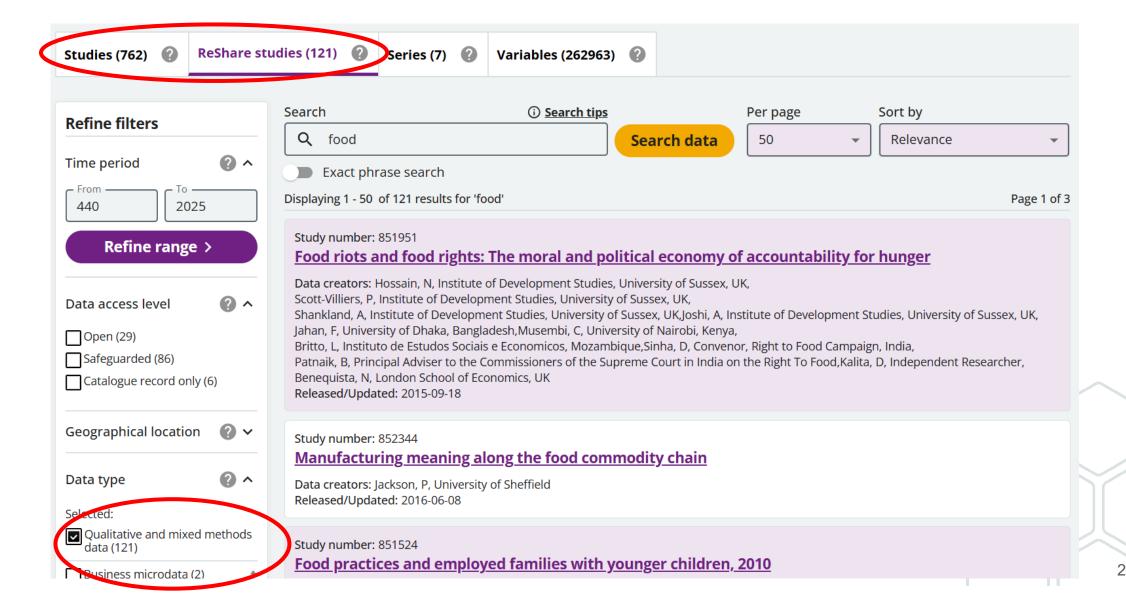
Topic: Immugration Grade: F

Comments: It's the communist foreigness that's the problem

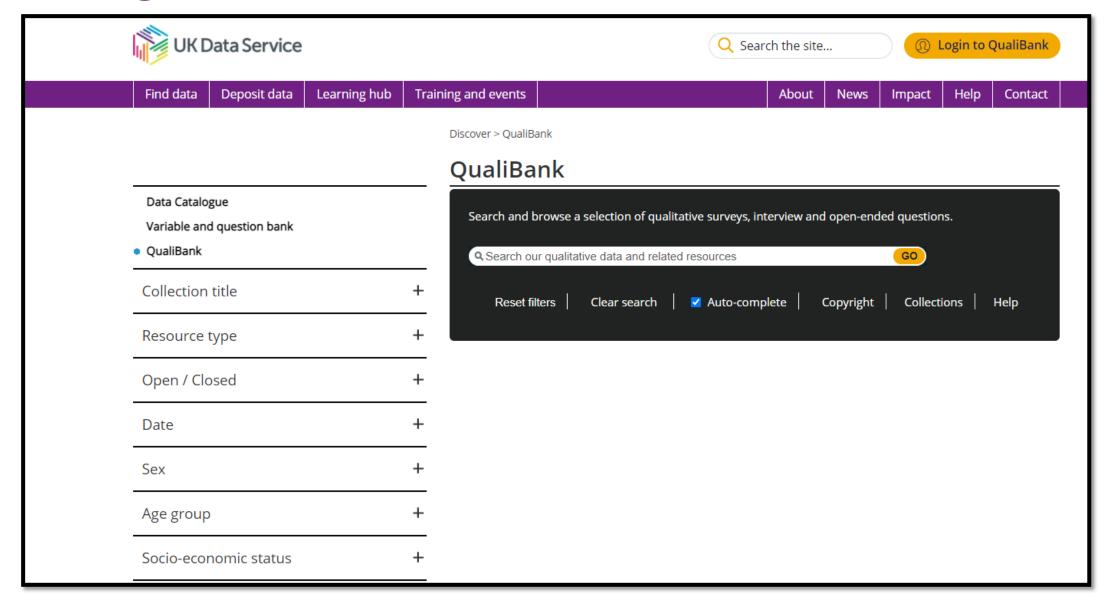
Overbearing one - trick pony.

Shouty. Makes faces like a frag swallowing a big slug. Patranzing.

Data Catalogue – conducting a search

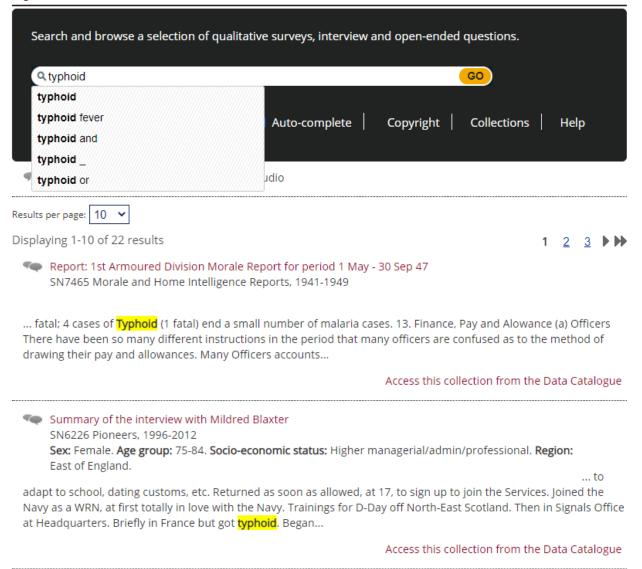


Finding Qualitative Data



Data Catalogue Variable and question bank QualiBank Collection title Resource type Open / Closed Date Sex Age group Socio-economic status Region

QualiBank



Interview with Mrs. Omison

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External resources | Collection documentation

Access this collection from the Data Catalogue

DETAILS

Collection ID (SN): 2000

Title: Family Life and Work Experience Before 1918, 1870-1973

Principal investigator: Thompson, P., University of Essex. Department of Sociology

Lummis, T., University of Essex. Department of Sociology

Sex: Female
Age group: 75-84
Socio-economic status: Routine
Region: North West

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± Additional metadata

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPT

R: 149 Lee Gate, Harwood, Bolton.

I: And your marital status? You're a widow, are you?

R: Yes.

: Can you tell me what year you were married?

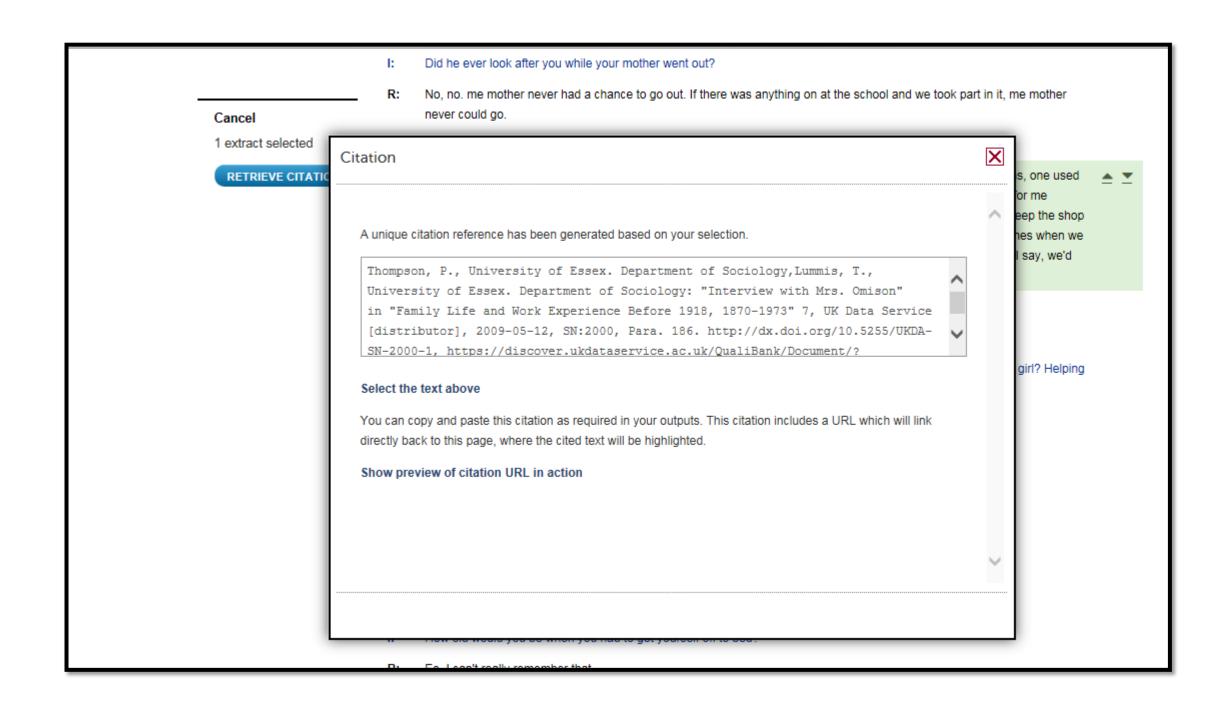
R: June 18th, 1938.

1: And the year when you were born?

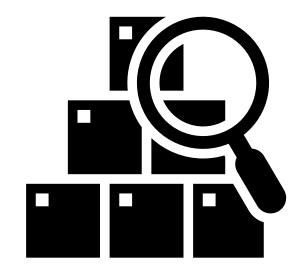
	R: Oh yes, that was done. The Maypole dances.					
Create citation	I: Where did they have the Maypole?					
	R: Well of course I remember St. Osyth Priory - I lived just inside St. Osyth then you see, my father and mother moved from Angers G to - I told you about the barracks - we moved there when I was - not more than about two I suppose.					
	I: And you lived on there for quite a while didn't you?					
	R: I lived there 'til I got married. Yes.					
	I: Why did they make that move?					
	R: Well, of course they moved - lived in a house at Angers Green, I don't know who that belonged to but then of course as these barra cottages became vacant I mean the farmer usually put his men in them you see. That was why my father moved 'cos-;					
	It wasn't because he changed his employer?					
	R: Oh no, the house went with the job you see.					
	I: And at St. Osyth in Priory they used to have a Mayday do did they?					
	R: Oh yes. Well they had - a lot of big do's there when I was a kid, I mean, I belonged to the Sunday school, I used to have all their tree their summer treats you know. And of course the woman then who had it - was a very rich woman you see those days, I me they had about seventeen gardeners and - and seventeen or eighteen indoor staff.					
	RELATED RESOURCES					
	Related external resources					
	XML TEI Transcript					
	XML QuDEx metadata					
	Web Resource: Abstract of the Edwardians book					

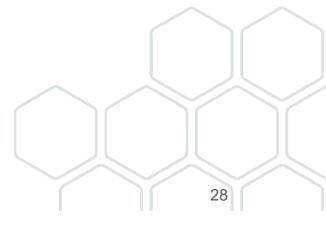
Audio extract from Interview with Mr. Keble

Audio extract from Interview with Mr Keble



Practical activity: Searching for data





Examples of recent acquisitions

- SN 857447 Qualitative Interview Data From "Beyond 'Left Behind Places'" Project, 2021-2024
- SN 857500 US Military Concrete Barriers in Iraq, 2003-2008
- SN 853377 The Intersectional Effects of Disability and Social Class on Early Adulthood, 2024
- SN 857399 Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations: Car-Free Living Trials, 2024
- SN 9255 What Worked? Policy Mobility and the Public Health Approach to Youth Violence, 2021-2023
- SN 857423 Afterlives of Muslim Asia, 2022-2023
- SN 857196 <u>EU Migrant Workers Living in the East of England Pre and Post Brexit, 2015-2022</u>
- SN 857420 Atmospheres of (Counter)Terrorism in European Cities: UK Interviews Transcripts, 2021-2023
- SN 9273 Care in the Time of COVID, 2020
- SN 855007 Girlhood and Later Life: Girls Growing Up in Britain 1954-1976 and the Implications for Later-Life Experience and Identity, 1939-2020
- SN 857285 <u>Care-Experienced Graduates Decision-Making, Choices, and Destinations, 2021-2024</u>
- SN 857315 <u>Plastic Packaging in People's Lives: Consumer Insights, 2021-2022</u>
- SN 857139 How Do Autistic Adults Conceptualise and Recover From Intimate Violence and Abuse, 2021-2023
- SN 857252 <u>Veganism and Religion: Interviews, Diaries, and Field Notes Exploring the Understandings and Experiences of Faith Vegans in the UK, 2021</u>
- SN 857105 The Effect of Gig Economy Work: Interviews with Platform Workers, 2020-2021

Accessing Data

Access Options



OPEN

Available for download/online access under open licence without any registration



SAFEGUARDED

Available for download / online access to logged-in users who have registered and agreed to an End User Licence; special agreements (e.g. depositor permission or approved researcher); embargo for fixed time period



CONTROLLED

Available for remote or safe room access to authorised and authenticated users whose research proposal has been and who have received training

Data access

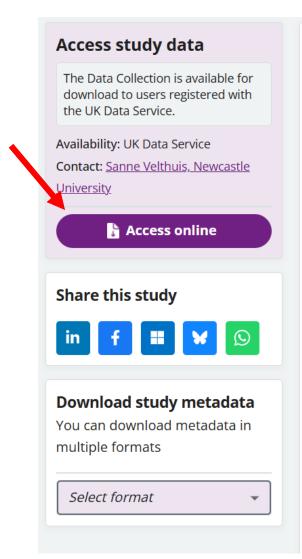
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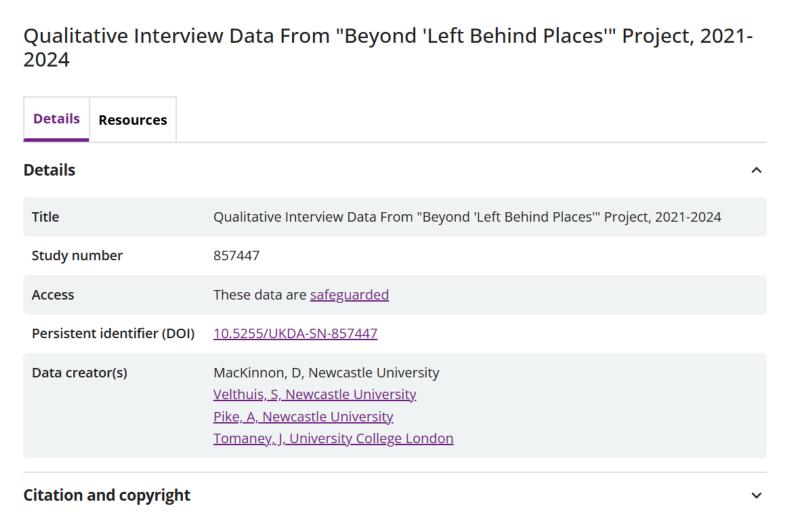
• If you are not at a UK University you will have to <u>apply</u> for a UK Data Archive username and password.

Accessing data: registration

- Click on the 'login' link on the UK Data Service homepage
- Click on 'login to the UK Data Service'
- Find your University (or UK Data Archive) in the list of institutions and proceed to the login page
- Enter your login details
- Complete the registration form as a new user
- Accept the End User Licence
- Use the download/order link for the dataset you wish to access and create a project description
- Download the data in your chosen format

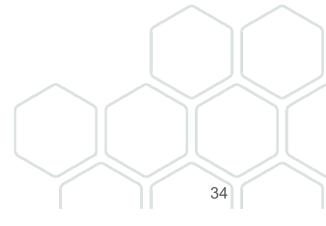
How to download data





Practical activity: Download Data





Getting started

Orient yourself to the original research project

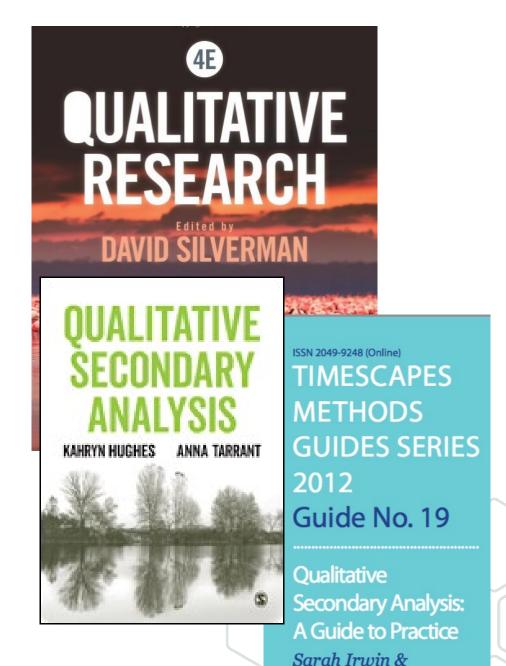
Documentation and metadata

Understand the structure of the original data

- Context at 3 levels
- Sampling and recruitment

Become familiar with the project data as a whole

- Logic of subsampling is volume prohibits reading it all
- Both inductive and deductive strategies can work

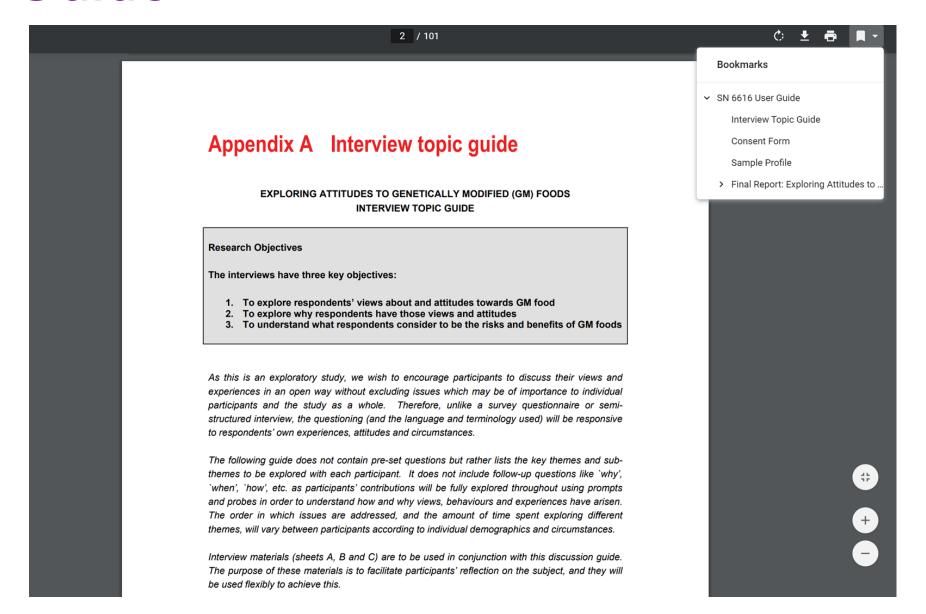


Mandy Winterton

Examples of qualitative documentation

- Interview topics, guides, prompts, or cue cards
- Blank consent form, participant information sheet, or call for recruitment
- Sampling strategy
- Instructions for research team
- Extracts from published work on methodology
- Funding applications or ethics proposal
- End of award reports
- Research meeting minutes
- Field notes/memos that form analysis
- Draftwork of initial analyses
- Codebooks or coding scheme
- Project websites...

User Guide



Data List

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Study Number 6616 Attitudes to Genetically Modified Foods, 2009 Sheldon, R.

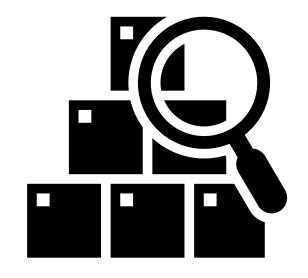
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Interview ID	Age	Gender	Occupation	Status	Children	Interview Summary	Pages	Name
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety; GM		
						organic; affects on our body, digesting		
						chemicals; messing with nature linked with		
						cancer & illnesses; genetically modified food and		
						its effects; animal testing; knowledge and		
			Healing - alternative		5 year old	awareness; food preparation-microwave, tinned		
p6240_interview_a	41	Female	therapies	~	boy	versus GM.	32	6616int01
						Shopping and cooking habits; grows own		
						vegetables for better flavour; source of food;		
						food preservatives; agrees with modifying crops		
			Business development			but not additives and preservatives; cross		
			manager for a chemical			pollination; GM education; risks and benefits;		
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						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety; use of		
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p6240_interview_b	~	~	Zoology student	Single	none	-	31	6616int03
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety;		
						preservatives, additives and allergies; attitudes		
			Council employee -			towards GM food, mistrust; risks and benefits;		
p6240_interview_bb	61	Female	housing	Married	two	provision of public information.	29	6616int04
						Shopping and cooking habits; food safety;		
						organic food; additives, animal testing;		
			Retired head of faculty,			preservatives and allergies; provision of public		
p6240_interview_c	~	Male	science and technology	Married	two	information; risks and benefits.	29	6616int05

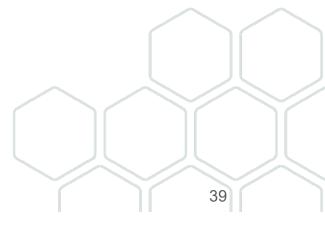






Practical activity: Documentation





Useful tips – advice for new users

We have webpages for new users that provide information on

- how to find data with our search application Data Catalogue
- how to register and access data
- what kinds of data we hold
- how you can get in touch

https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/help/

Get connected

Website 'Contact us' pages	https://ukdataservice.ac.uk/contact/
JISCMail	https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi- bin/webadmin?A0=UKdataservice
X/Twitter	https://x.com/UKDataService
YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/user/UKDATASERVICE

PowerPoint slides and materials will be available on our website in due course and you can catch up on the recording on our Youtube channel.

Other resources

- Workshops and user meetings (check our news and events pages).
- Provide advice on research data management planning and preservation.
- Have you used our data in a publication or in the classroom?
 Please tell us about it. We will add your bibliographic citation
 to Discover and we can help to promote and demonstrate the
 impact of your research or teaching by featuring you in a Case
 Study.
- Got a query? See our help pages and FAQs.





Thank you.

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