

Online resources that can be accessed free by staff in the Directorate for People

The Directorate subscribes to the following resources to support your practice, service development and continuing learning and development. The resources are available to Directorate for People staff in Children's Services, Adults' Services, Public Health and Housing Policy and Commissioning. Some of the resources are also available to students whilst on placement in the Directorate – please check each section for details.

Idox Information Service

What is available?

This is an [online library service](#) that provides access to journals, research reports, government publications etc. covering all local government subject areas.

All staff within the Directorate for People can do the following using Idox: request copies of articles from over 500 journals; borrow copies of books and reports; receive fortnightly updates on a range of topics such as social services, health, housing etc. and request a literature search using Idox's database of journal articles and reports. (Please note: This service is not available to students on placement in the Directorate).

As Idox Information Service is internet based, it can be accessed from any computer connected to the internet - whether at home or at work.

How do I register with Idox?

Complete the online form at: <http://informationservice.idoxgroup.com/iii/Register.do>

From the drop down list of organisations, choose 'Birmingham City Council – Children's Services' if you work in Children's Services. If you work in any other part of the Directorate choose 'Birmingham City Council – Adults and Communities'.

Who do I contact if I need help using Idox Information Service?

You can contact the Idox Information Service team direct by calling 0141 574 1920 or emailing: AskTheResearchTeam@idoxgroup.com

RIP - Research in Practice for Children

What is RIP?

RIP is a national network organisation that helps those working in children's services to gather, use and share evidence from research and other sources. They do this by providing learning activities, a support network and publications to help staff understand children's education and social care and to improve how it works.

Full text copies of RIP's publications and copies of recorded webinars are available from their website: <https://www.rip.org.uk/>

How do I register with RIP?

Click on 'Create Account' option at the top of RiP's home page at: <https://www.rip.org.uk/> and complete the short online form.

Please note that you must use your work email address when registering with RIP.

If you have any queries about RIP, please email: deborah.towle@birmingham.gov.uk

(Students may register for a free RiP account for use whilst on placement in the Directorate).

Sign up for RiP's monthly e-bulletin and Research & Policy Update (RPU)

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Ripfa – Research in Practice for Adults

What is Ripfa?

Ripfa is a national network organisation that helps those working in adult social care to gather, use and share evidence from research and other sources. They do this by providing learning activities, a support network and publications to help staff understand adult social care and to improve how it works.

Examples of publications include: *'How to involve and engage people with dementia'*, *'Working with people who self-neglect'* and *'Maintaining quality with reducing resources'*.

Recorded webinars include: *'The Care Act – providing good information, advice and advocacy'*, *'Safeguarding and domestic abuse'* and *'Supporting people with multiple needs and exclusions'*.

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