



Innovation and neglect in UK social care

Innovación y abandono en la "social care" del Reino Unido

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- 08:00 - 15:00 SCALINGS
- 15:00 - 16:00 MSc call
- 16:00 - 17:00 Crowdcast: Mobility Talks: Analysis of mobility behaviour u...

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Charity opens doors to Innovation Apartment for Stoke Gifford's older people

By Viv Shepherd



Residents from Frenchay, Stoke Gifford and surrounding areas are being invited to visit a new innovation apartment which has opened at Stoke Gifford Retirement Village. The apartment will showcase the use of assistive technologies, including Pepper the robot, and will demonstrate how smart devices can support

Independent living for longer.



Coronavirus: muertes entre los residentes en el centro de atención de Shetland

14 abril 2020



“The Care Inspectorate said there had been deaths at Wastview Care Centre, but has not given an exact number.”

BBC NEWS

Wastview Care Centre, Shetland

Gráfico de muertes en el asilo de ancianos

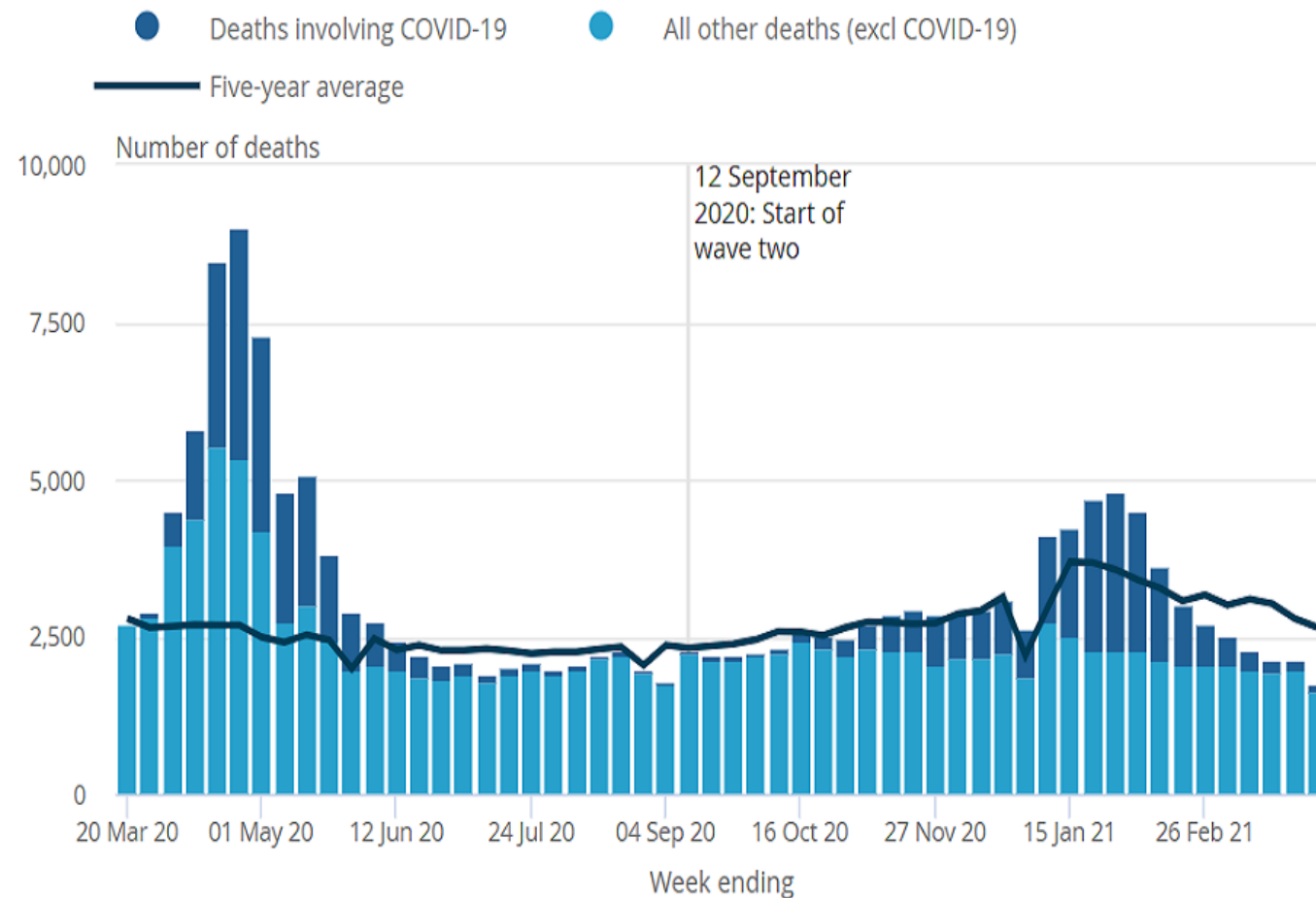
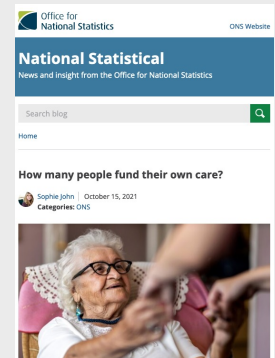
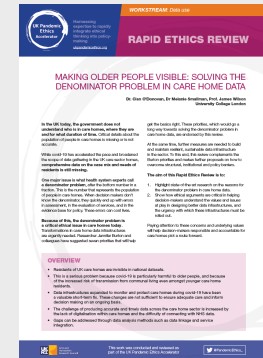
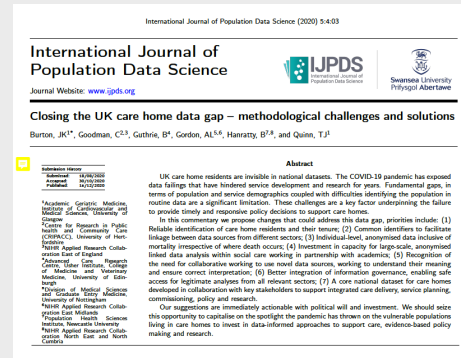


Figure 2: number of weekly deaths of care home residents registered from 14 March 2020 to 2 April 2021, England and Wales

[Deaths involving COVID-19 in the care sector, England and Wales – Office for National Statistics](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/deathsinvolvingcovid19inthecaresectorenglandandwales/latest). The average for 2015 to 2019 provides a comparison of the number of deaths expected per week in a usual (non-pandemic) year. This comparison provides a frame of reference but it should be noted that occupancy will have fallen after wave 1, which will affect comparability for wave 2

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/deathsinvolvingcovid19inthecaresectorenglandandwales/latest>

El gobierno no sabía quién estaba en las residencias

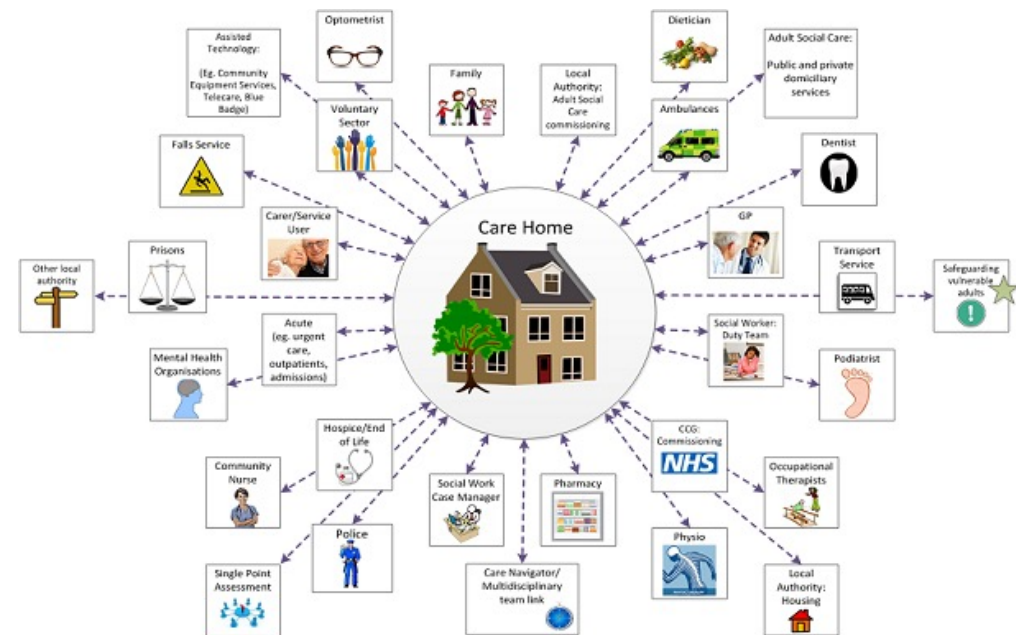
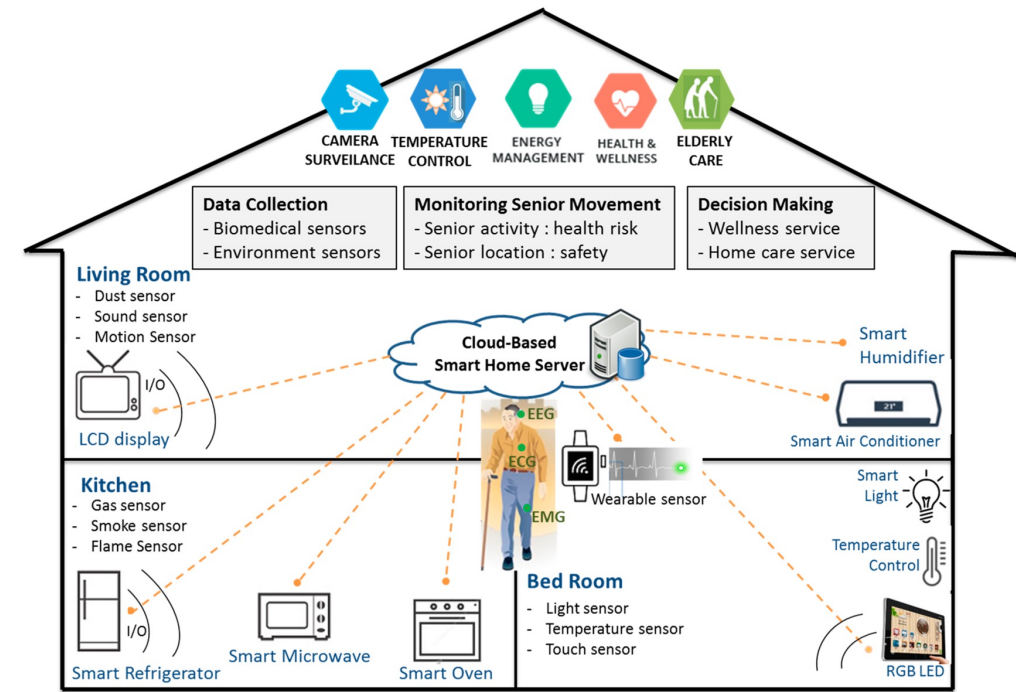


- Also missing from care data:
- Case mix and needs of residents
 - People who pay for their own care
 - People who don't receive care but should
 - Impact - errors in: assessment; service evaluation; evidence base for policy

- ## También falta en los datos de atención:
- Mezcla de casos y necesidades de los residentes
 - Personas que pagan por su propio cuidado
 - Personas que no reciben atención pero deberían
 - Impacto - errores en: evaluación; evaluación de servicios; base de evidencia para la política

“Digital transformation”: la cura y el virus.

- El problema no es solo la falta de datos
 - Los datos no son útiles ni se utilizan fuera de las residencias.
 - Los datos que se utilizan para tomar **decisiones a distancia** no son los que más importan a las personas sobre el terreno
- **Responsabilidad**



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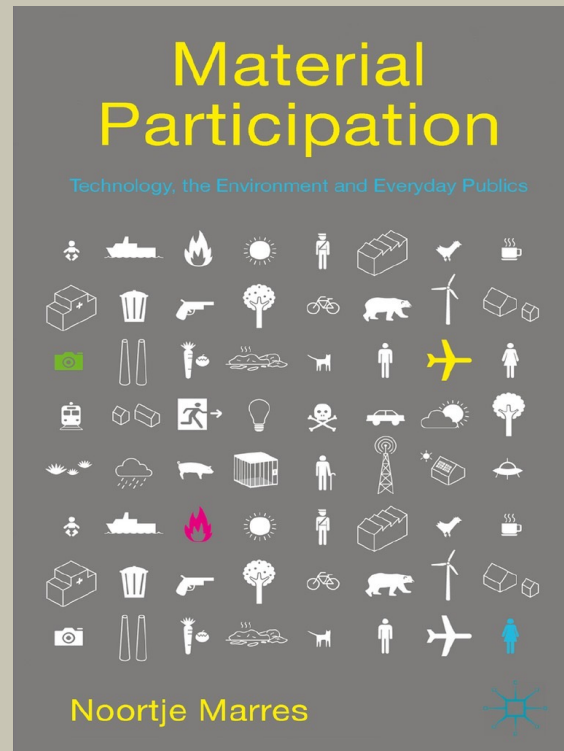
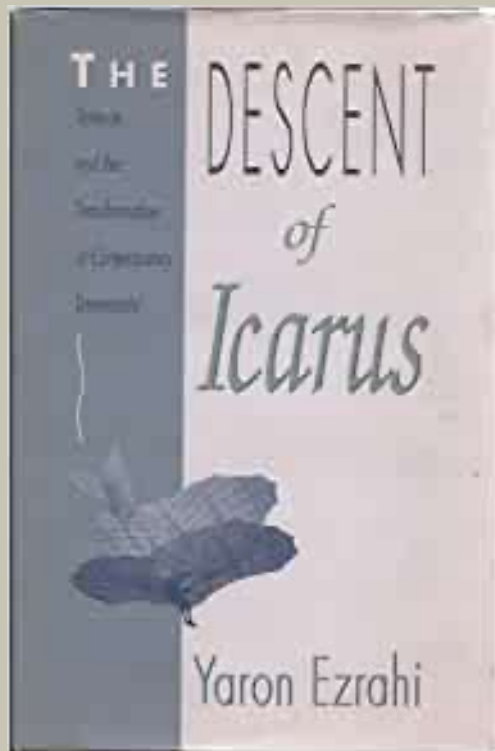
Innovación y responsabilidad

“Social care”



- “Social care is how society **orders practices of care** and **distributes responsibilities** and obligations for these practices between **markets**, the **welfare state**, voluntary sectors and **families**”
- *El cuidado social es cómo la sociedad ordena las prácticas de cuidado y distribuye responsabilidades y obligaciones por estas prácticas entre los mercados, el estado del bienestar, los sectores voluntarios y las familias.*

Qué hace la innovación en la “social care”



- La innovación cambia lo que se cuenta y lo que se hace para contar
- reconfigurando...
 - espacialidad
 - temporalidades
 - practicas de cuidado

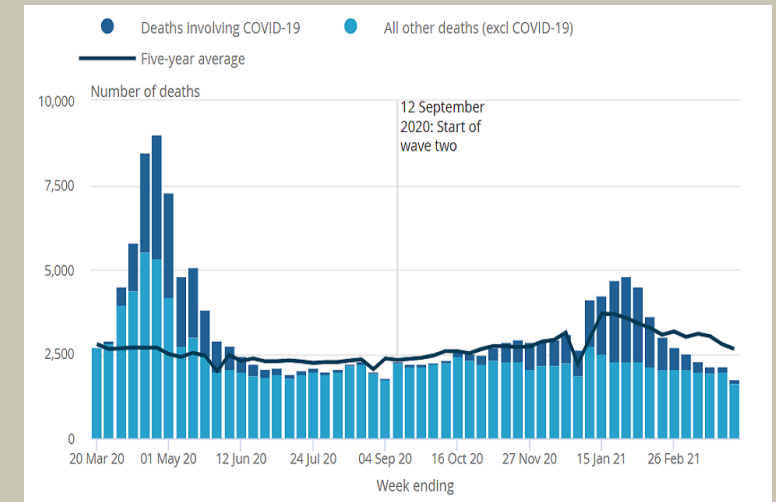
“Modes” modernos de rendición de cuentas en la social care: ciencia, tecnología y datos

ACCOUNTABILITY

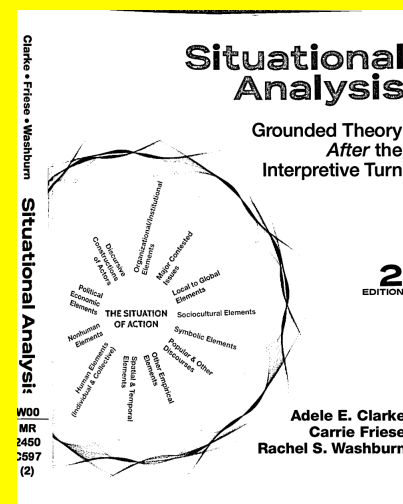
Especialmente importante in a crisis: instruments and structures of accountability reveal the quality or absence of care in order to direct care to those who need it most (Naylor 2018)

- Estructuras **administrativas públicas** (normas y objetivos tecnocráticos)
- Tomadores de decisiones **profesionales y expertos** (cumplimiento de estándares profesionales)
- Obligaciones **participativas y colectivas**

Bracci, E. (2014) Accountability and governance in social care: the impact of personalisation, in G. Grossi and I. Steccolini (eds) *Qualitative Research in Accounting & Management*, 11(2): 111–28, doi: [10/gmdj95](https://doi.org/10/gmdj95)



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Wearable Soft Robotics for Independent Living

Lead Research Organisation: [University of Bristol](#)
 Department Name: Engineering Mathematics

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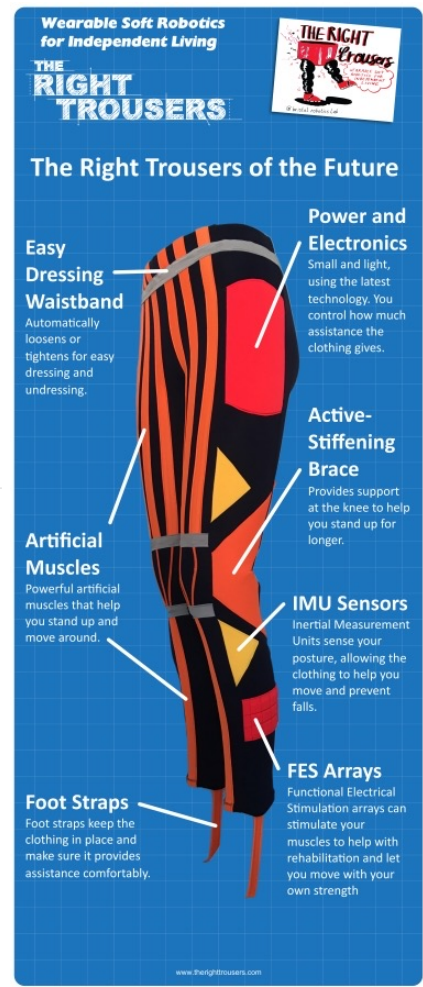
Overview Organisations People Publications Outcomes

Abstract

This project addresses the growing healthcare needs of people to live independently with dignity. There are 10.8 million disabled people living in the UK today (Office for Disability Issues 2010). Nearly 6.5 million have mobility impairments; 6 million have an impairment of lifting and carrying; 2.4 million have impaired co-ordination. Many of these people are supplied with assistive and rehabilitative technologies (ART), but much ART has low user acceptability and concordance, and may have a negative impact on people's perceived dignity. Many people do not use ART correctly, or at all, and many people find ART devices undignified. In extreme cases ill-fitting or ill-prescribed ART may even cause injury or increase disability. The consequence of this lack of effective and acceptable ART is that people living with mobility impairments are more prone to conditions such as poor circulation, skin pressure damage and falls. Each of these conditions has an enormous public health implication and together they constitute a substantial drain on health and social care resources. The cost of falls to the NHS is £2Bn, skin pressure damage £2.1Bn, and the overall cost of stroke to health and social care services and the loss of income is £2.5Bn.

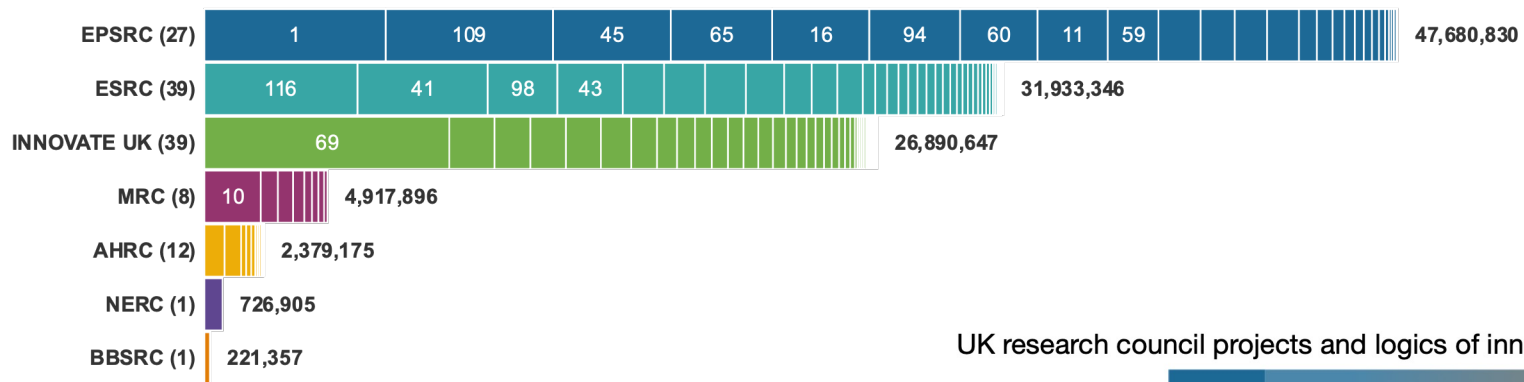
This project will be the first time that emerging soft robotics technologies are employed to address multiple rehabilitation and health care needs in one single class of wearable device, enabling effective and comfortable rehabilitation, functional restoration and long term assisted living. In contrast to conventional rigid robotics, the inherent physical compatibility of soft robotics with biological tissue and human motion means that truly

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- Nuevas tecnologías
- Nuevos materiales
- ~~Contratación de personal~~
- ~~Personal de atención~~
- ~~Usuarios finales + responsabilidad~~

Mapeo de “logicas of innovation” en una cartera de financiadores del UK

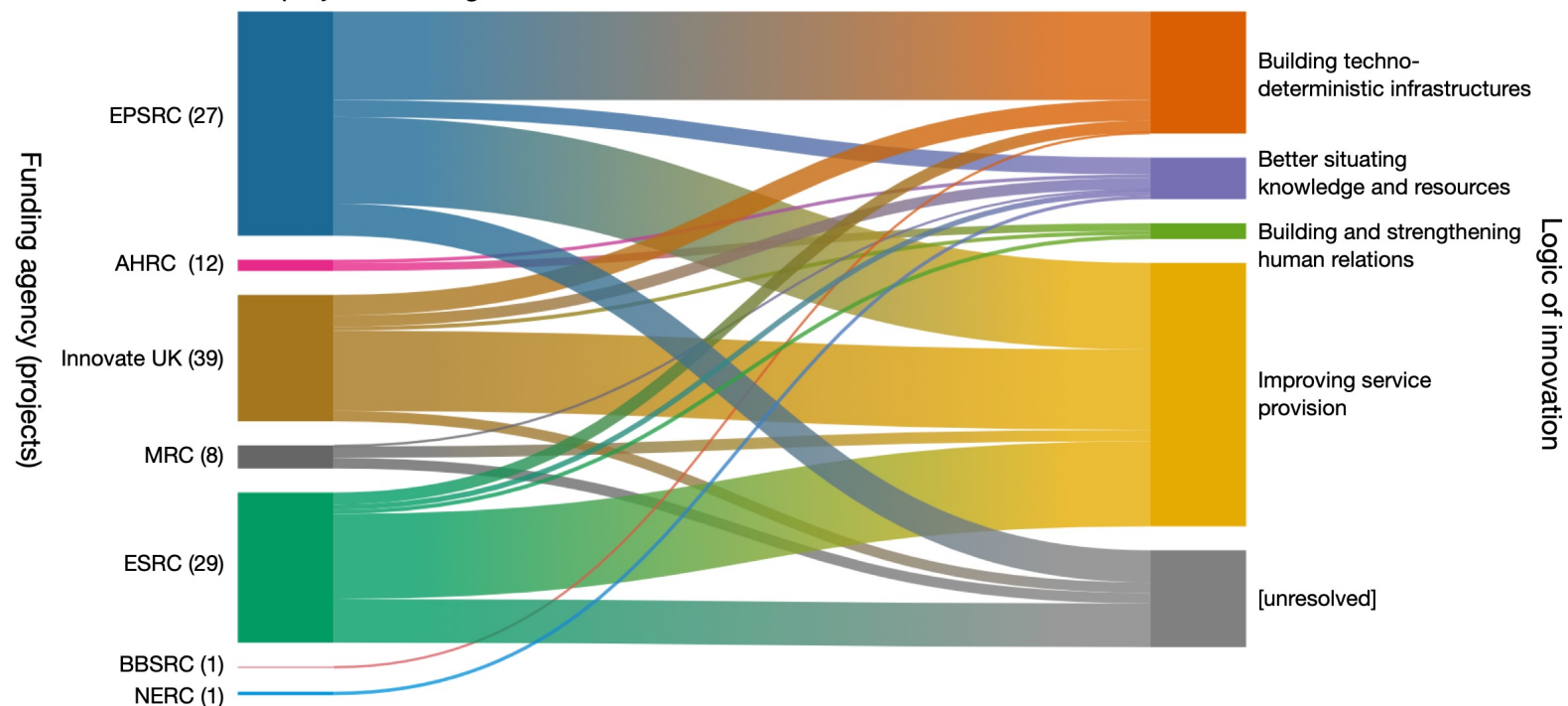


UKRI gasto en investigación de innovación en social care 2009-2019:
 127 projects
 ~£110,000,000

Table 3. Mapping logics of innovation in social care across 127 UKRI project abstracts

| Innovation logic | Projects | % of funding |
|--|----------|--------------|
| Improving service provision | 52 | 49% |
| Building techno-deterministic infrastructure | 32 | 23% |
| Better situating knowledge and resources | 23 | 8% |
| Building and strengthening human relations | 12 | 3% |
| [Unresolved] | 8 | 18% |

UK research council projects and logics of innovation



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LO QUE LA INNOVACIÓN DESCUIDA

La responsabilidad no se mencionó en ningún proyecto

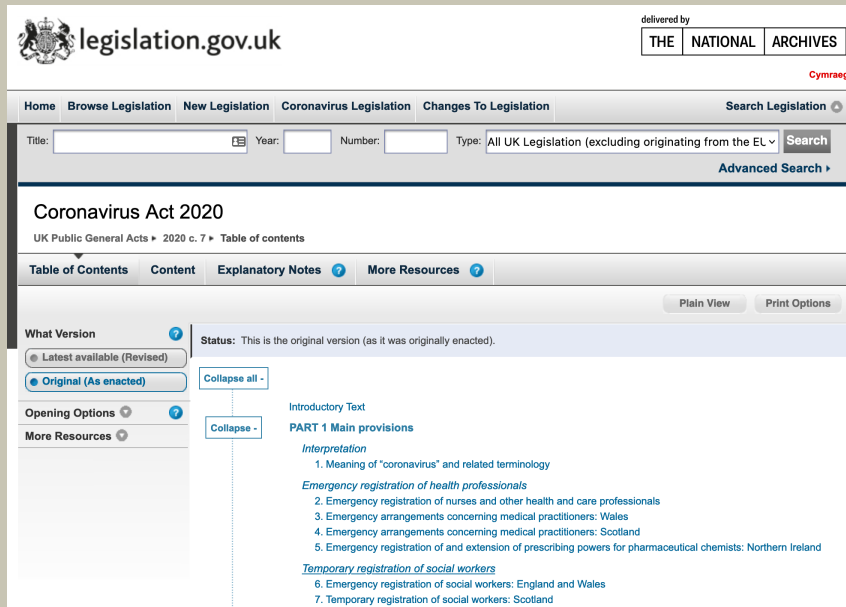
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Descuidada: what innovation neglects



1. Política

Descuidada: what innovation neglects



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- 1. Meaning of "coronavirus" and related terminology
- Emergency registration of health professionals
- 2. Emergency registration of nurses and other health and care professionals
- 3. Emergency arrangements concerning medical practitioners: Wales
- 4. Emergency arrangements concerning medical practitioners: Scotland
- 5. Emergency registration of and extension of prescribing powers for pharmaceutical chemists: Northern Ireland
- Temporary registration of social workers
- 6. Emergency registration of social workers: England and Wales
- 7. Temporary registration of social workers: Scotland



3. La reflexividad institucional movilizada por la investigación de la innovación

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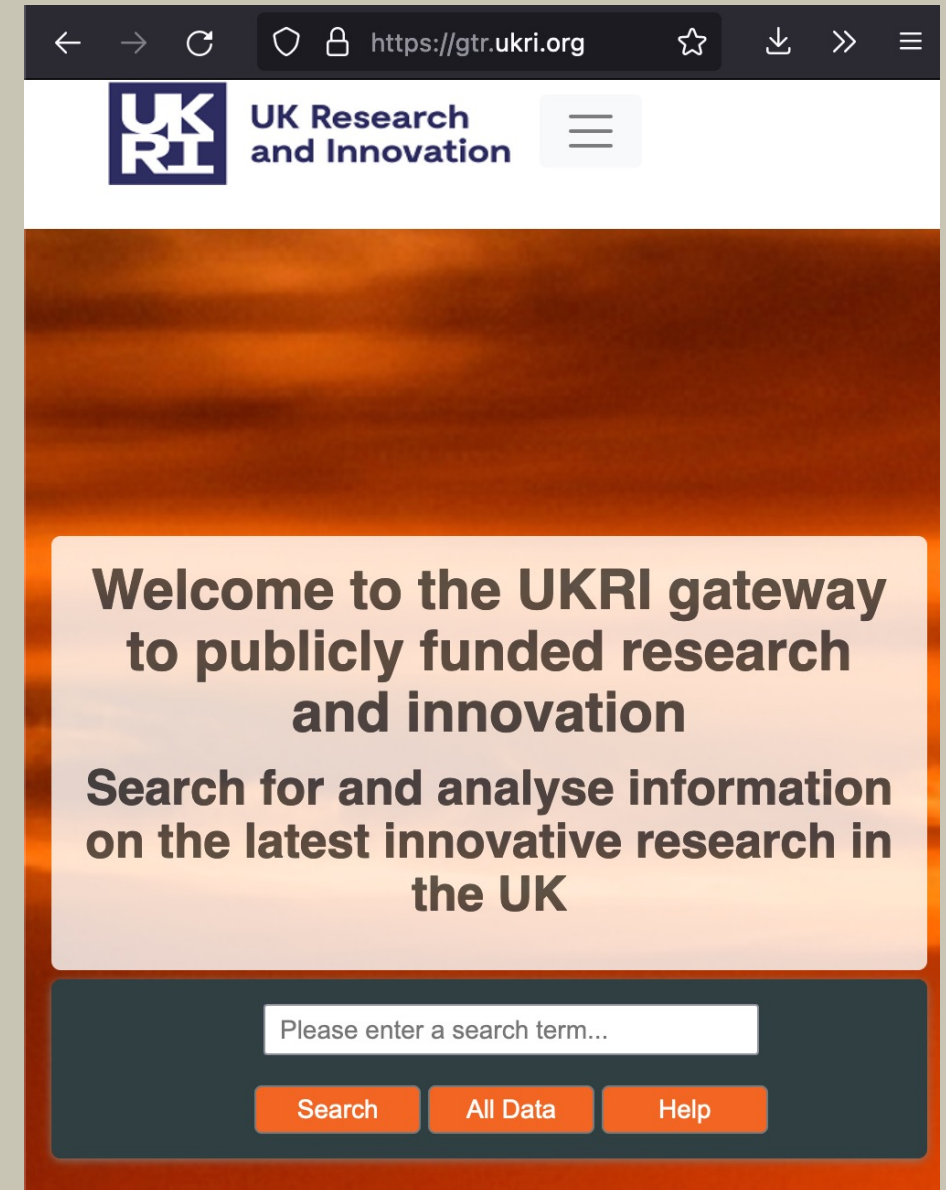


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How Research England supports research excellence

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This screenshot shows a mobile view of the UKRI gateway search page. At the top is the UKRI logo and 'UK Research and Innovation'. The main content area has a dark orange background with a white text box containing the welcome message: 'Welcome to the UKRI gateway to publicly funded research and innovation' and 'Search for and analyse information on the latest innovative research in the UK'. Below this is a dark blue search bar with the placeholder text 'Please enter a search term...'. At the bottom of the search bar are three orange buttons: 'Search', 'All Data', and 'Help'.

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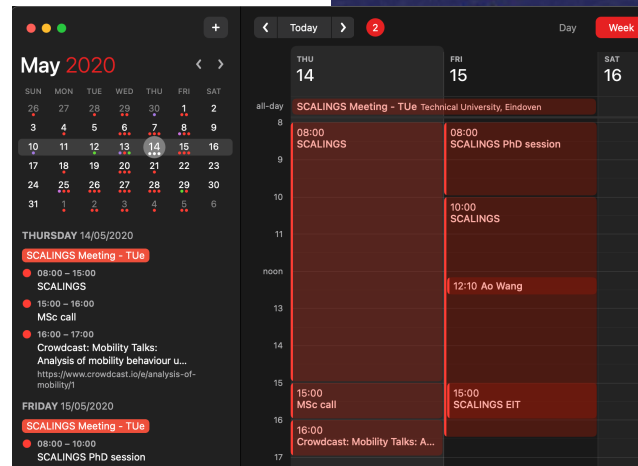
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Limitaciones de la co-creación

- EU: “do no harm”
- La innovación no puede reemplazar a la democracia



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summary

“Innovation on its own cannot be expected to resolve problems with accountability and neglect in social care... innovation that sustains neglect may make these problems worse”


1. La innovación cambia los “modes of accountability”
2. La evaluación de la innovación debe estar más atenta a lo que estos modos de rendición de cuentas descuidan
3. -> Evaluación “more than human” de la innovación

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research article

Accountability and neglect in UK social care innovation

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Innovation alters who is accountable for social care and how they are held to account. This article shows how organisational, institutional and technological innovation in infrastructures of social care can reconfigure accountability instruments and propel change between distinct modes of accountability. However, innovation also sustains neglect, both in terms of issues, objects and subjects missing from research, and in terms of low levels of institutional reflexivity mobilised to evaluate and direct innovation's impacts. Evidenced using two-level situational analysis – across a UK research portfolio and within a public robotics lab – we argue that confronting this neglect is critical for post-pandemic reform.

Key words social care policy • innovation policy • accountability • infrastructures of care

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Introduction

It is time to 'make permanent the innovations that Covid-19 has accelerated' (Department of Health and Social Care, 2021a: 6). To 'embrace the opportunities of digital' (Local Government Association, 2020: 22). To 'bring all the benefits of innovation back into the [health and care] system' (Department of Health and Social Care, 2021b: 71). As policy professionals promise plans for recovery and reform in social care, innovation is set for a starring role.

This is curious. In line with trends across public policy domains (Pfothenauer et al, 2019), organisational, institutional and technological innovation have long been drivers of change in what is called 'social care' in the UK and 'long-term care' elsewhere. For instance, beginning in the 1980s, processes of institutional innovation reconfigured post-war social welfare systems around individual choice and market logics – an ideological shift from the universalist values on which they were originally built (Osborne, 1998). The point is this: social care today is already shaped by innovation. If innovation is to benefit pandemic recovery plans, it is essential to understand how it is already implicated in configuring infrastructures so badly exposed by COVID-19 (Byrd et al, 2021; Comas-Herrera et al, 2021). This knowledge is critical for better

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