

**RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROVIDERS FROM THE SOUTH WEST
(Adult social care and mental health)**

1. University of Bristol, School for Policy Studies, Centre for Health and Social Care

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/sps/research/hsc/default.shtml>

The Centre for Health and Social Care is a focus of both applied and theoretical research relating to key health issues at national and international level. The Centre currently has around thirty members including both staff and postgraduate students, working in a range of research areas.

2. University of Exeter, Exeter Enterprises

<http://www.exeter.ac.uk/business/research/index.html>

The University of Exeter has an established reputation for working collaboratively with business, industry, government and the voluntary sector, including the evaluation of the Children's Fund in Plymouth, Torbay and Devon.

3. University of Plymouth, Knowledge Transfer Partnerships

<http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/ktp>

These Partnerships combine the knowledge and expertise from an academic institution (such as the University of Plymouth) along with the appointment of a recently qualified graduate (known as the KTP Associate) who works within the business or organisation on a strategic project, jointly supervised. At present, the School of Applied Psychosocial Studies works together with Cornwall County Council to evaluate the Safeguarding Adults Training.

4. Bournemouth University, Centre for Social Work and Social Policy

<http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/csw/>

I don't know much about them but apparently they carry out research in mental health.

5. Dartington Social Research Unit

<http://www.dartington.org.uk/index.shtml>

Very good world class research but not sure if they will not be expensive.

6. Living Options Devon

<http://www.livingoptions.org/division.php?division=research>

This is a service user led NGO that evaluates at present the brokerage pilot schemes of four local authorities from the South West, to include South Gloucestershire. I think it is worth looking at some other user led organisations, too. Mind would be perfect but they do not provide research service locally.