

## ANALYSIS PROTOCOL FOR:

### *Constructions of mental health and problematic alcohol use within UK's health and welfare policy*

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The purpose of this protocol is to describe the research undertaken for the finding brief *Constructions of mental health and problematic alcohol use within UK's health and welfare policy*. The research comprised **discourse analysis** of UK and Scottish policy statements to explore how policy-makers conceptualise mental health and alcohol-related difficulties in relation to social problems and employment. To this end, **15 policy documents** and independent reviews were selected across two stages. The first stage was the selection of the most recent mental health and alcohol strategies of the UK and Scottish Governments. The second stage was the inclusion of policy documents and independent reviews that were either the most recent in their policy area or served as key reference points for discourse on health, welfare, social security and employment support. The corpus of selected data consisted of: 7 UK Government policy documents, 6 Scottish policy documents and 2 independent reviews. The titles, author(s), year of publication and region for each document are summarised in **Table 1** below.

Digital copies of the selected documents were imported to a qualitative data analysis software NVivo 10. The analysis first involved **thematic coding** based on: 1) descriptive aspects of the text (definition of policy problem, cause of policy problem, proposed solution to policy problem); and 2) the themes that emerged during the first reading of the documents. Secondly, it involved identifying patterns (e.g. emerging similarities or differences) within and across the codes. Finally based on these patterns findings presented in Briefing 1 were generated.

**Table 1: List of documents analysed**

Title	Author	Year	UK/Scotland
No health without mental health	Department of Health	2011	UK
Mental Health Strategy: 2017-2027	Scottish Government	2017	Scotland
Good mental health for all	NHS Health Scotland	2016	Scotland
The government's alcohol strategy	HM Government	2012	UK
Changing Scotland's relationship with alcohol: a framework for action	Scottish Government	2009	Scotland
A new deal for welfare: empowering people to work	Department for Work and Pensions	2006	UK
Universal Credit: welfare that works	Department for Work and Pensions	2010	UK
A New Future for Social Security: Scottish Government Response to the Consultation on Social Security in Scotland	Scottish Government	2017	Scotland
The disability and health employment strategy: the discussion so far	Department for Work and Pensions	2013	UK
Improving lives: the future of work, health and disability	Department for Work and Pensions & Department of Health	2017	UK
Creating a fairer Scotland: A new future for employability support in Scotland	Scottish Government	2016	Scotland
No One Left Behind: Next Steps for the Integration and Alignment of Employability Support in Scotland	Scottish Government	2018	Scotland
Good work: the Taylor review of modern working practices	M. Taylor <i>et al.</i>	2017	UK
Fair society, health lives: The Marmot Review	M. Marmot	2010	UK
Healthy Lives, Healthy People	Department of Health	2010	UK