

The situation

In 2006, the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) commissioned a programme of research to explore the lives of disabled people in Britain today. The research aimed to update and develop previous research, addressing information gaps on how disabled people's lives have changed, and providing detail on their current experiences.

The research was conducted by a consortium led by GfK NOP, working with the Office for Public Management, ppre, Icarus Collective and the University of Nottingham.

The approach

The research comprised a number of complementary strands, which all fed into the design of the quantitative survey, and analysis and interpretation of the resulting data. The main strands of the work were:

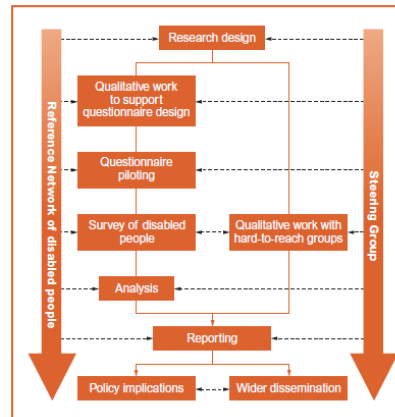
- The involvement of disabled people and disability-focused organisations, through active engagement with a Reference Network and Steering Group
- Three stages of qualitative research, to inform the scope and content of the survey, and to enable the inclusion of some groups who may not otherwise have been included in the study
- A large-scale quantitative survey of disabled people in Britain with 1,750 face-to-face respondents. Fieldwork was designed

to be as inclusive as possible, and all interviewers received disability confidence training to enable them and respondents to feel comfortable throughout the interview experience.

The outcome

The research provided a detailed, evidence-based picture of disabled people's lives which was used to inform future policy development.

The chart below shows how the different strands of the research were integrated to the benefit of the whole study.



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