Social work researchers have made relatively little use of quantitative longitudinal panel and cohort studies that follow individuals, families and households in the general population over time.

In principle, these studies offer us unique potential to explore what distinguishes parents and children who use social work from others who have similar adversities but no social work. We can also compare their outcomes over a longer timescale than ever previously studied, and without recall bias.

In this presentation, Professor Sharland draws on a recent project funded by the Nuffield Foundation to examine what these studies can tell us, drawing attention to their power and their perils.

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