



**ROYAL
STATISTICAL
SOCIETY**

**EDINBURGH LOCAL GROUP
MEETING**

Tuesday 1 May (5.30 – 7.00 pm, inclusive of AGM)
Non-members welcome

Refreshments available from 5.00 pm

**What can microsimulation tell us about the costs of free
personal care?**

(to be followed by AGM)

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Abstract: This presentation is based on a microsimulation model, OPERA, which uses the Family Resources Survey to model the financial effects of social care policies in Scotland and the UK. The model includes the rules that govern the UK tax and benefits system which strongly affects the income of the frail elderly. The provision of informal care is endogenous to the model. The presentation will focus on how the costs of care respond to key drivers such as changes in healthy life expectancy, health conditions, informal caring and changes in costs.

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