

Some Useful Sources

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The literature on welfare reform, conditionality and activation is large and continuously growing. It spans a multiplicity of disciplines, including sociology, social policy, social work, and political science. Below is a selection of key readings and resources, organised thematically. This includes overviews of the intensification of conditionality and contractualisation of social citizenship; literature on the rise of New Paternalism in social policy; and key readings on managerial and governance reforms in the delivery of welfare-to-work. We have also included a selection of empirical studies on people's experiences of conditionality and participation in welfare-to-work, as well as frontline studies of the street-level delivery of activation. There are necessarily significant overlaps between these literatures: for instance, between the literatures on the intensification of welfare conditionality and the New Paternalism in social policy; and, especially, between the literatures on governance reforms and the frontline delivery of activation.

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