

Getting personal with existing data

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The case of Jan and Archie Ritchie

- A married couple with 3 children
- A brief excerpt from each from the *Work and Family Lives* study, archived in Timescapes.
- Work and Family Lives – working parents and their children talk about combining employment and family life (Cunningham-Burley, Jamieson and Harden)
- Jan works part-time as an information officer; Archie works full time as an accountant

•Choose Jan **or** Ritchie to read through:

•Read through the short extract and write some notes. Consider:

- What is the main thematic focus of the excerpt?
 - Does it tell us anything about contemporary family life? What?
 - What can we learn about Jan or Archie?
 - What can we learn about either Jan or Archie from the perspective of the other person?
- AND
- What *can't* we learn about Jan or Archie from this small excerpt?
 - What do we learn about the gendering of family roles from these extracts?

•Share your observations with the group

Feedback to the group

What observations have you made about engaging with existing qualitative data?



What questions does the re-use of existing qualitative data raise for you and why?



Is there value in re-using existing qualitative data?