I have been working in a university most of my career, after five years as a probation officer. My continuing focus on several themes:

- Understanding the nature of social work as an applied social science in relation to disciplines like sociology
- The history of social work and research, and in their relations to the social science field.
- Qualitative research and evaluation methodology
- Practitioner research
- The practice/research relationship

I have been involved in three studies of practitioners involved in research. I have also tried to write about the relationship between practice and research. This has been central to my career, and a collection of my previous work published a few years ago was called Practice and Research. You can find the publications that came from these studies by going to my home page at http://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/staff/ian-shaw/.

During the time I am here at the National University of Singapore I would be happy to meet with practitioners in Singapore who are thinking of developing proposals to undertake research in association with the university.

**ABSTRACT**

In the last ten years there has been a growing interest in developing research that has a special relevance to social work practice. In some ways this is not a new question. But it represents attempts to show how social work research has a special or distinctive character. ‘Practice research’ has interested practitioners and academic faculty in parts of S E Asia, western Europe (especially the Nordic countries and the UK), and in a few areas of the USA. Interest is likely to grow also in Australia and New Zealand. In this year’s lecture I will try to answer three questions. What is meant by ‘practice research’? Can we identify the characteristics of good practice research? In what ways might practitioners respond to these developments?

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