Life Transitions & Travel Behaviour  
An ESRC Secondary Data Analysis Initiative project  
People can change travel routines when they experience major life events like moving home, changing jobs, gaining a partner and having children  
But…

Research questions

1. To what extent are different life events associated with changes in travel behaviour?
2. In what neighbourhood contexts are life events most likely to result in changes in travel behaviour and why?

Datasets

The UK Household Longitudinal Study:  
• Surveys 40,000 households every year  
• Provides rich information on individual lives, experienced life events, changes in car ownership and commute mode  
It is being linked to data on neighbourhood context: Census, accessibility indicators, Indices of Multiple Deprivation, MOSAIC lifestyle profiling and more

Analysis

Car ownership and commute mode changes are being modelled as a function of  
• life event occurrences, socioeconomic and demographic indicators, attitudes and neighbourhood characteristics  
The relationships between life events, neighbourhood context and behaviour changes will be examined

Impacts

• Improved understanding of drivers of travel behaviour change for use in policy development  
• A new longitudinal data resource for use in transport research by DfT and others  
• Increased capacity for longitudinal analysis in the transport academic community

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