

# Poverty and Social Exclusion in Scotland

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# The Scottish Question

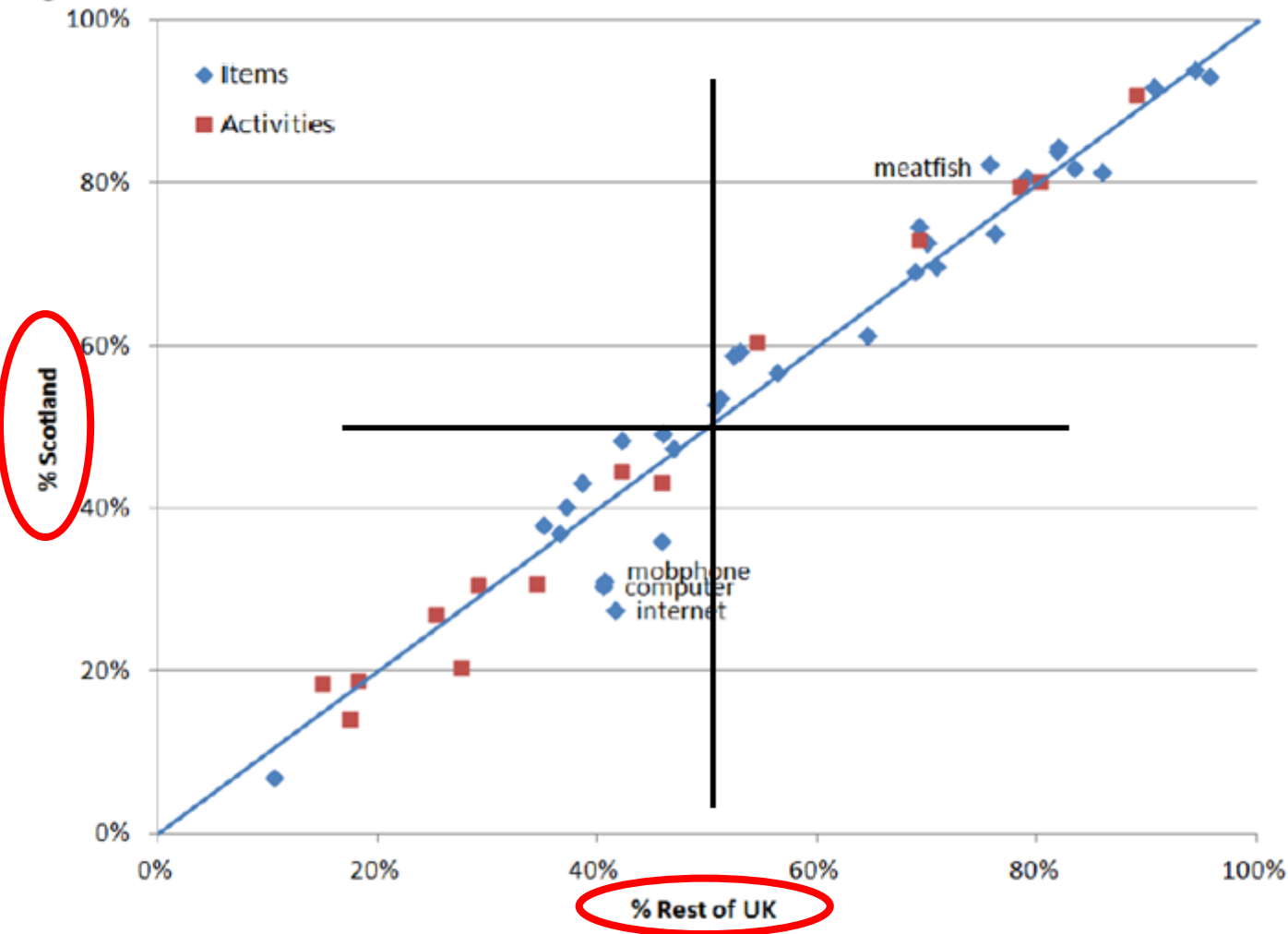
***“Should Scotland be an independent country?”***

1. Do Scots have a different view of the ***‘necessities of life’***?
2. Is ***poverty*** higher in Scotland and, if so, for who and why?
3. Is ***social exclusion*** more or less severe in Scotland – on which aspects or domains? Is the ***nature of exclusion*** different?



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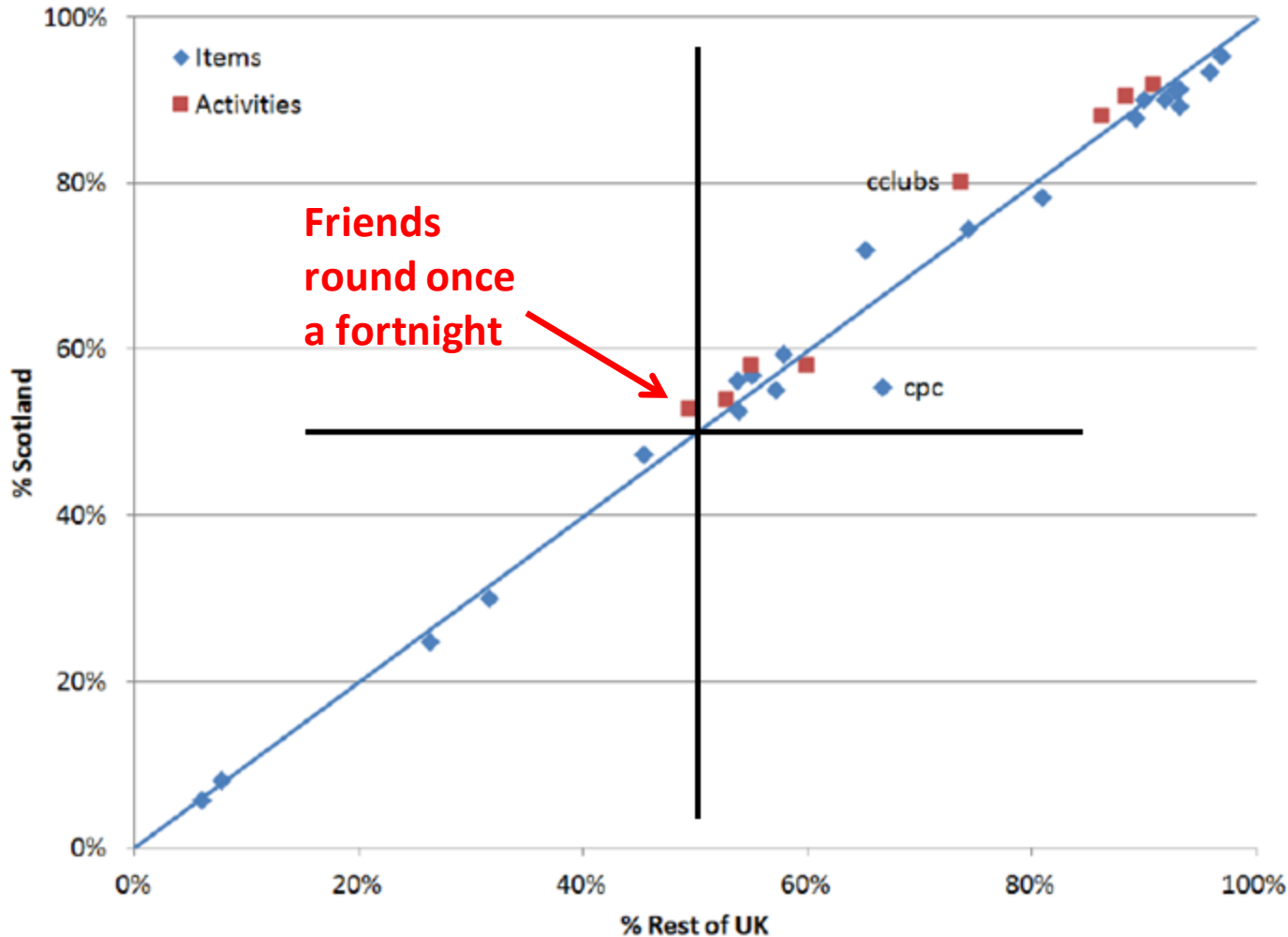
Figure 1: Adult items and activities – Scotland vs RoUK



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(2014) *Social  
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Figure 2: Child items and activities – Scotland vs RoUK



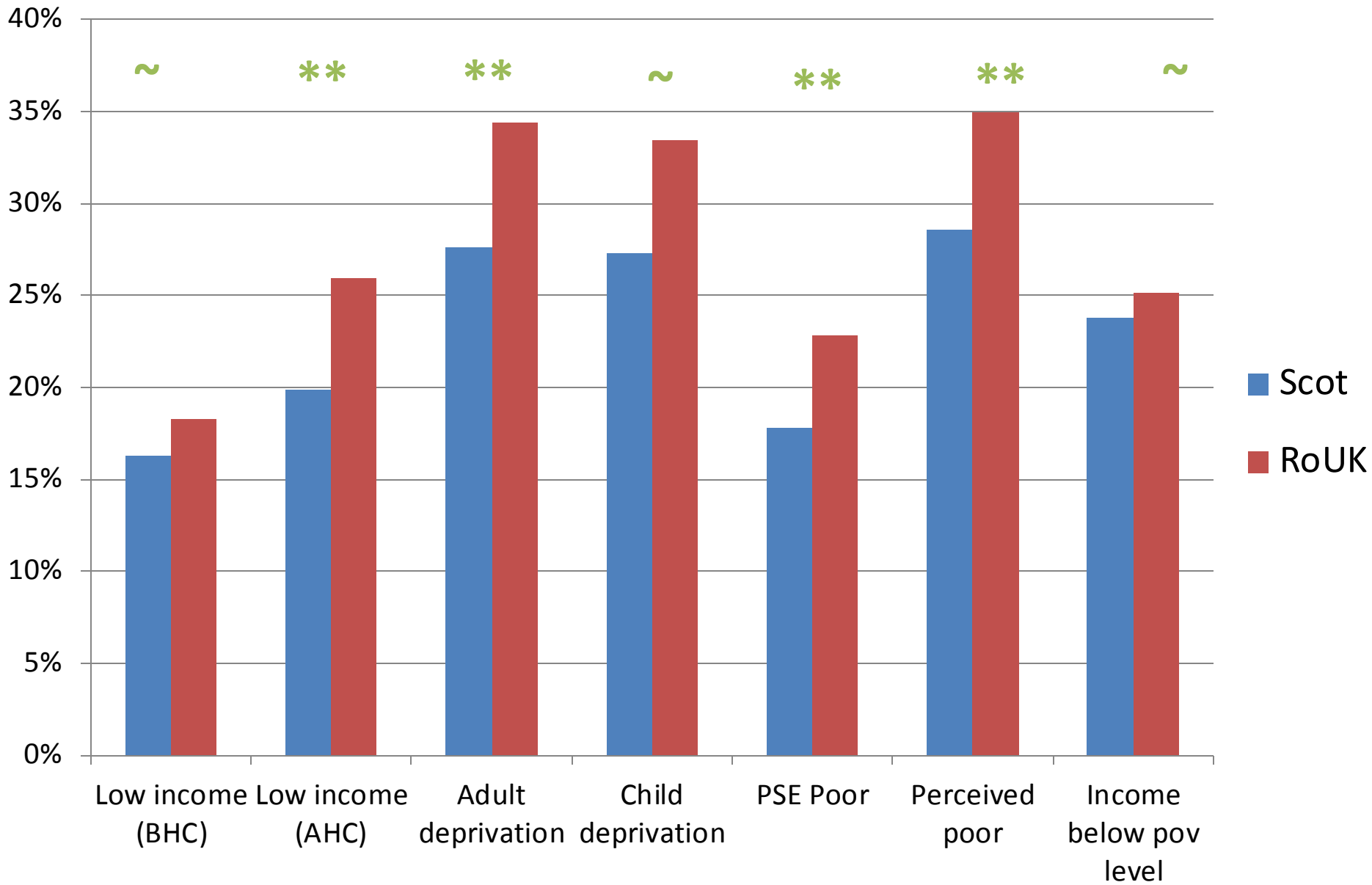
# 1. Setting the poverty standard

- Views about necessities virtually identical
  - Confirms results from 1999 (Pantazis *et al.*, 2006)
- Fits with wider research on social and political attitudes
  - Image of Scotland as more 'progressive' tends to be over-stated

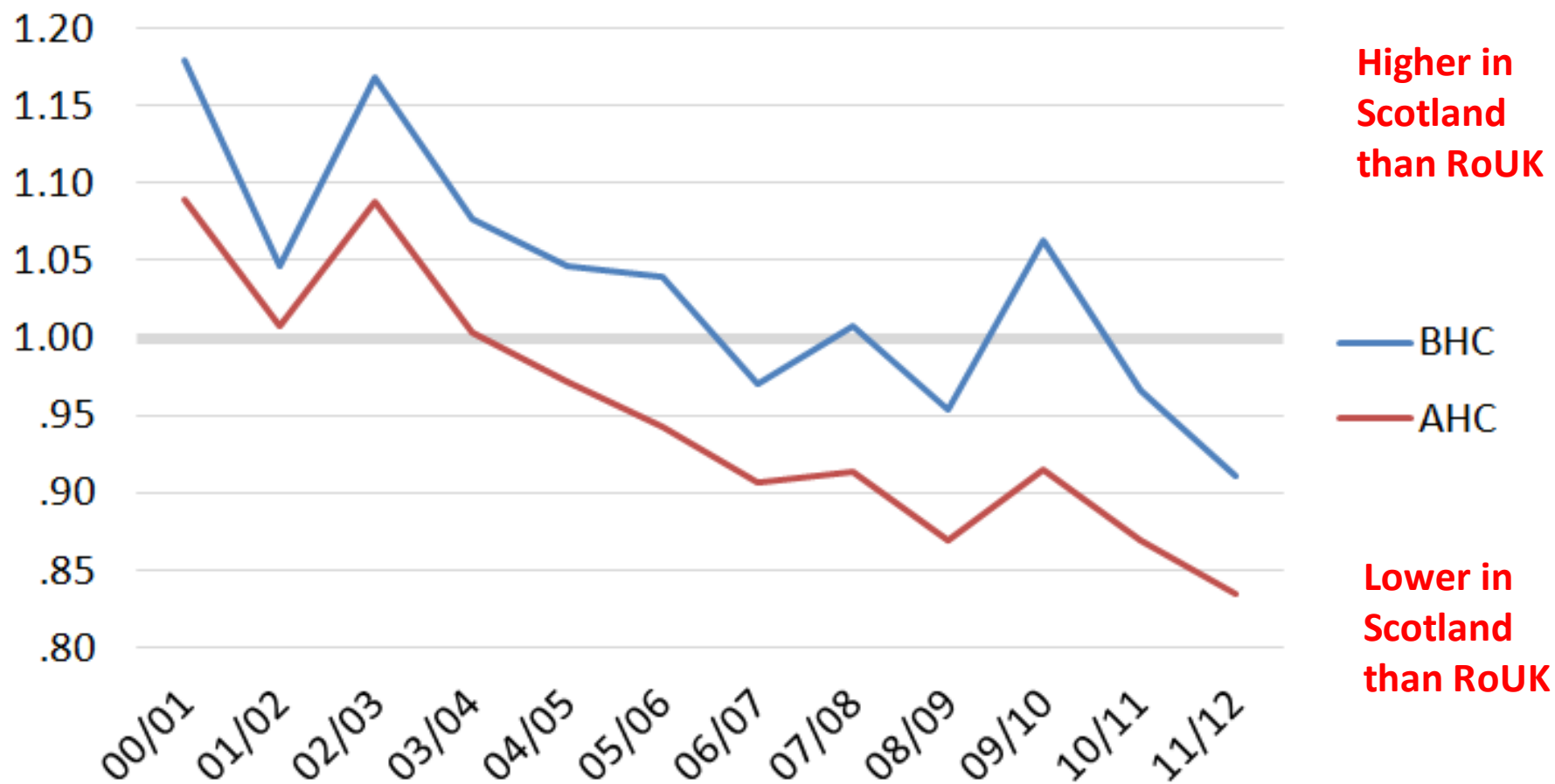
# 2. Poverty in Scotland

- Low income x 2
  - 60% of median, BHC and AHC
- Deprivation x 2
  - Adult (3+ from 22) and child (2+ from 22)
- PSE poverty
  - Deprived (3+) AND low income (below median)
- Subjective poverty x 2
  - Perceived poor; income below poverty level





## ***Relative Risks of low income poverty – Scotland vs RoUK (BHC and AHC) – 2000/1 to 2011/12***



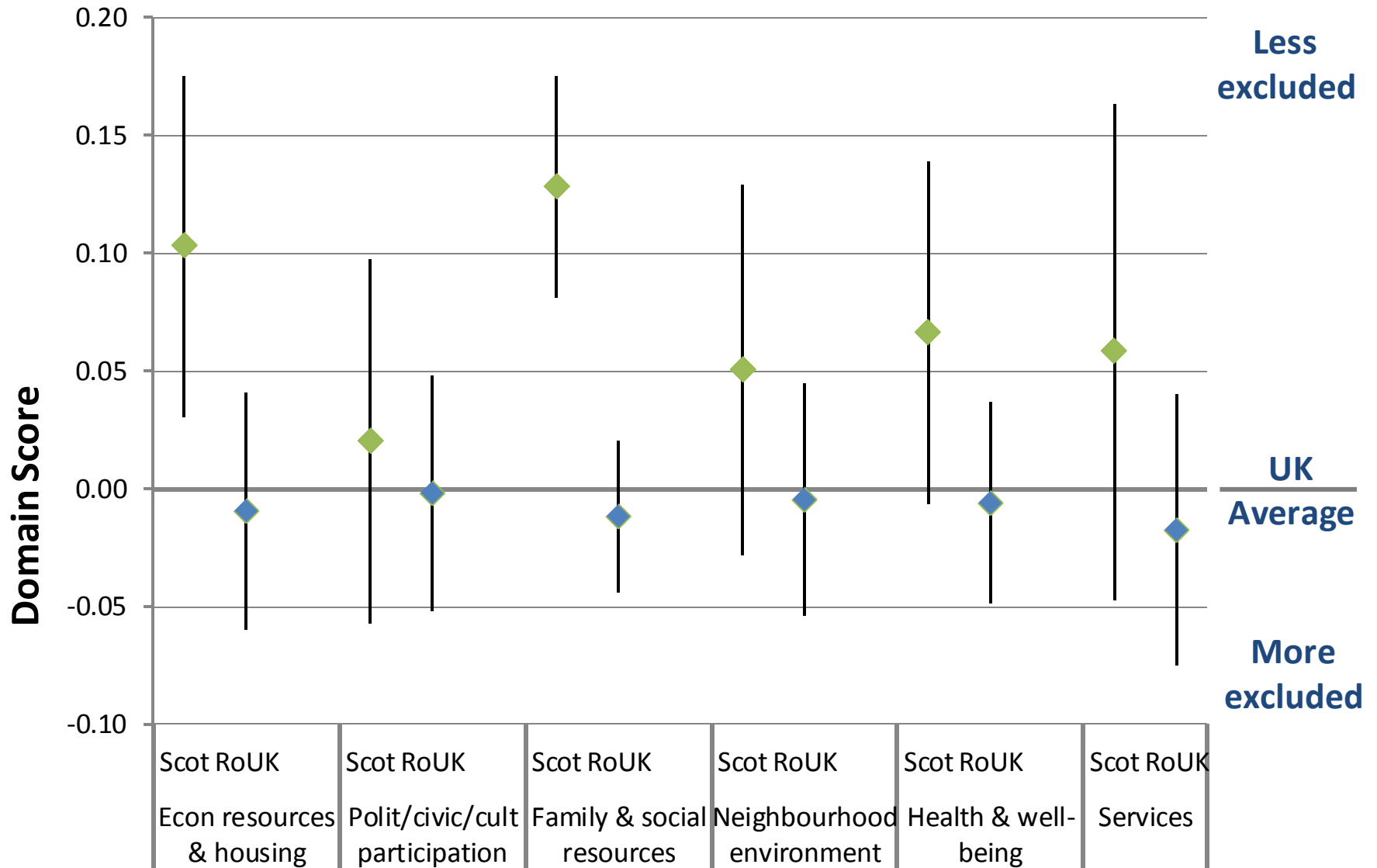
Source: Bailey (2014) - FRS/HBAI series.



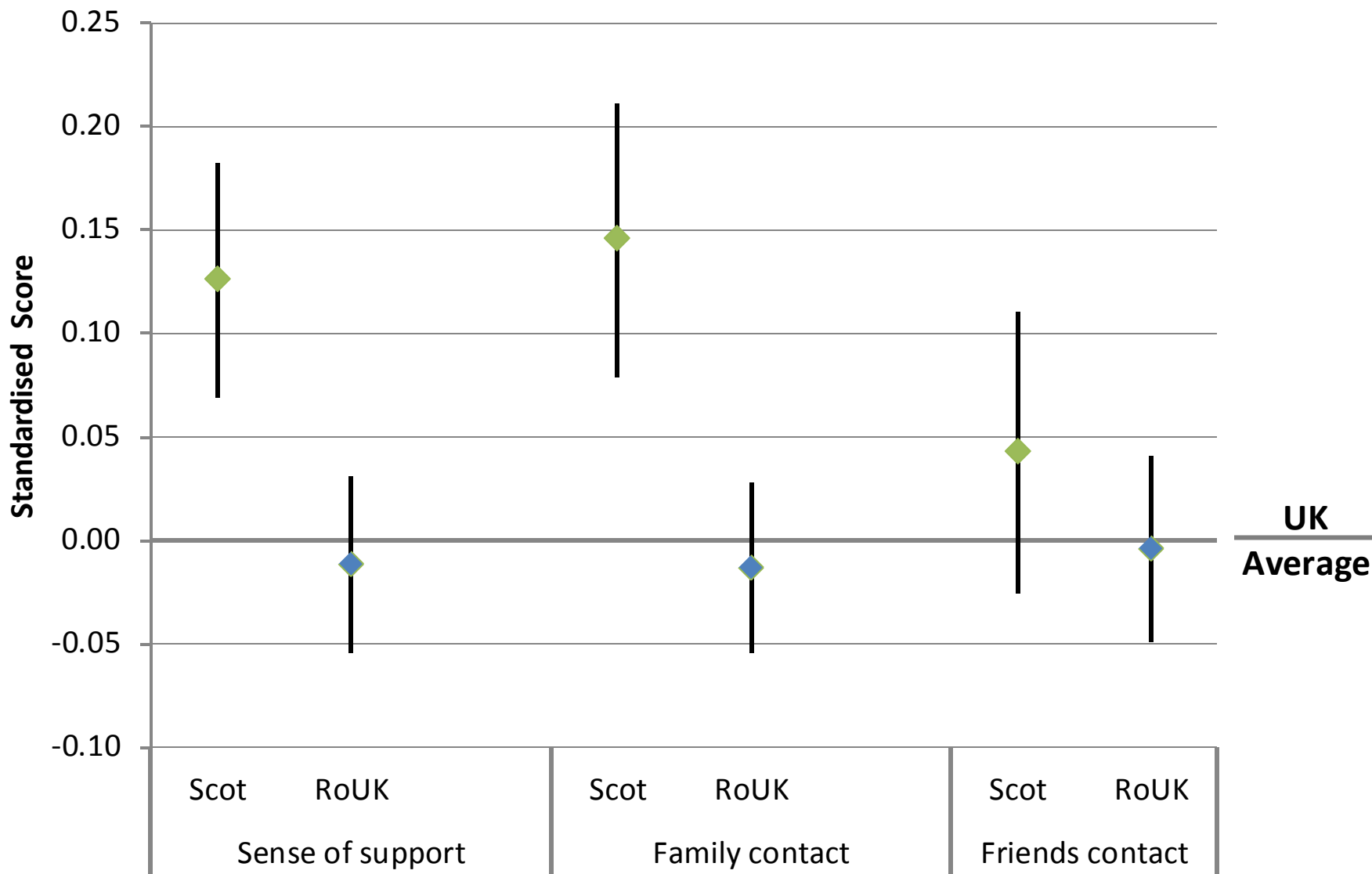
# 3. Social exclusion in Scotland

<b>Domain Groups</b>	<b>Elements</b>
<b>Economic resources, housing</b>	Income, quality of goods, deprivation, financial stress, housing problems.
<b>Political, civic, cultural participation</b>	Political activities, sense of political efficacy, civic organisations, activities, education, cultural activities
<b>Family &amp; social resources</b>	Social networks – family & friends, sense of support
<b>Neighbourhood environment</b>	Neighbourhood problems
<b>Health &amp; Well-Being</b>	General health, mental health, subjective well-being, limiting illness or disability
<b>Access to services</b>	Services unavailable/inadequate

# Domain Group scores – Scotland vs RoUK



# Family and Social Resources – Scotland vs RoUK



# Conclusions

- UK consensual poverty measure can be applied to Scotland – attitudes no different
- In general, poverty and social exclusion in Scotland no different or a bit better
  - Poverty around one fifth lower in Scotland on several measures
  - 200,000 fewer in poverty than if UK rates had applied
- Poverty shift in last 10 years difficult to attribute to policy ‘made in Scotland’