

## **Psychology and Public Health: A Special Issue**

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We are pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue on Psychology and Public Health.

*Public Health* is an international, multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal. It publishes original research papers, reviews (up to 3000 words in length), commentaries and short reports (up to 1500 words) on all aspects of the science, philosophy and practice of public health. It is aimed at all public health practitioners and researchers, and those who manage and deliver public health services and systems. It is also of interest to anyone involved in the provision of public health programmes, the care of populations or communities and those who contribute to public health systems in any way.

The contribution of psychological sciences to public health practice ranges across individual-level interventions through social interventions and into policy design and organisation leadership. Psychological disciplines are a 'family' and include cognition and behaviour, genetics, sociology, as well as the scientific study of the mind and how it dictates and influences our behaviour.

The UK's British Psychological Society has recently undertaken a reflection on lessons learned from the COVID-19 response and seeks to work more closely with public health professionals to identify areas where psychological science can make active contributions to public health at all levels: from the individual and organisational, to social and policy levels.

This special issue welcomes high-quality submissions that cover a wide range of issues in applications of psychology to public health challenges worldwide. We are particularly interested in population-level papers, as well as studies on interventions in developing countries or programmes conducted in resource-restricted settings. Articles of interest include:

- Methodological papers on applying psychological science and public health perspectives
- The role of psychological science in reducing health inequalities
- The contribution of psychological science in supporting effectiveness of public health professionals and policies

- The contribution of psychological science to non-communicable diseases at the population level
- The contribution of psychological science in community engagement and empowerment on public health challenges
- The contribution of psychological science to healthy public policy development, analysis, implementation and evaluation
- How we develop psychological science skills in public health practitioners, science and research, and vice versa
- Future research, practice and policy agendas
- The role of psychological science in new and emerging infections

**Manuscript submission information:**

Further information about submission requirements can be found at: <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/public-health> . Authors should select the 'VSI: Psychology and Public Health' article type when uploading their article.

If you have any other questions relating to this call for papers, please email the Editorial Office: [publichealth@rsph.org.uk](mailto:publichealth@rsph.org.uk)

The deadline for submission to this special issue is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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