

# *Perspectives in Public Health* proposed special issue on: **Public Engagement and Co-production in Public Health**



Public engagement and co-production in health and social care services is being increasingly embraced by policy-makers, health and social care professionals, patients/public and researchers in many countries. Whilst this is very welcome, the concept of public engagement and co-production has been around for a long time, with many public health professionals advocating its use. However, there have been varying degrees of success and little published evidence of good research and practice in public health. For the public and patients, their involvement can sometimes feel like a box-ticking exercise.

We would like to commission a special issue of *Perspectives in Public Health* to illustrate good examples of public engagement and co-production in public health research and practice. The issue might take into account the following but should not be limited by these:

- Examples of good practice
- Discussion of complex issues, both public health and societal issues including, for example, regeneration and health

- Mental as well as physical health and wellbeing
- Historical, sociological and philosophical aspects
- Examples of successful research that has been genuinely co-produced, involving patients or the public and local communities, especially addressing inequalities
- Examples of patients or public as researchers
- An international perspective

We are hoping that the subsequent collection of articles will not only illustrate good practice and identify complexities, but will also inspire and stimulate practitioners and researchers and help inform policy development in the years to come.

The Special Issue will comprise around five or six front matter articles (current topics and opinion, feature or in practice) and four peer-reviewed research articles. Author guidelines and information on article types can be found here: <https://bit.ly/304pYrc>.

The deadline for submissions is 21 January 2022. Authors should submit via our online submissions system: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/pph>. Please contact Natalia at [ncamicia@rsph.org.uk](mailto:ncamicia@rsph.org.uk) for more information.