

## Health Inequalities: A Special Issue for the Journal Public Health

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We are delighted to announce a call for papers on Health Inequalities for *Public Health* to be published in a special issue.

Public Health is an international, multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal. It publishes original research papers, reviews (up to 3000 words in length) 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.

Health inequalities can be defined as ‘the systematic, avoidable and unfair differences in health outcomes that can be observed between populations, between social groups within the same population or as a gradient across a population ranked by social position’.<sup>1</sup> The focus of this special issue is to capture action-orientated studies that report the impacts of policies, interventions and changes in practice that seek to promote health equity to minimise health inequalities. We are interested in studies investigating the impacts on socioeconomic inequalities in health as well as inequalities between other social groups.

We will prioritise studies that are of high quality and clearly demonstrate the impacts of an intervention or change in policy or practice, but will also consider high quality descriptive or analytical epidemiological studies across a range of health issues. We are ambivalent on whether the studies show positive, negative or neutral effects on the basis that learning both what is, and is not, effective is of equal importance. We are also open to submissions using a range of methodological approaches, including quantitative evaluations, qualitative evaluations, ex-ante modelling studies and mixed methods studies.

Examples of studies that are of interest include high quality evaluations of:

- Changes in the delivery or design of health services that evaluate inequalities in access to services or quality of care.
- Policies, interventions and services to reduce inequalities in the risk or spread of communicable diseases.
- Policies and interventions to reduce inequalities in environmental exposures.
- Policies and interventions to reduce inequalities in exposure to important determinants of health (such as inclusive economy or community anchor developments).
- The effects of policies and interventions on exposures or health outcomes.

We are keen to encourage a breadth of international perspectives on the topic and therefore welcome submissions from across the globe.

Further information about submission requirements can be found at:

<https://www.journals.elsevier.com/public-health>. Authors should select the ‘SI: Health Inequalities’ article type when uploading their article. For any additional information, please contact the Editorial Office: [publichealth@rsph.org.uk](mailto:publichealth@rsph.org.uk). The deadline for submission to the special issue is **30 June 2022**.

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<sup>1</sup> McCartney G, Popham, McMaster R, Cumbers A. Defining health and health inequalities. *Public Health* (2019); 172: 22-30, doi: 10.1016/j.puhe.2019.03.023.