

## ***Perspectives in Public Health Special Issue: call for abstracts***

### ***Did we Improve Lives, by succeeding in Making Health Everyone's Business?***

We would like to publish a special issue in January 2021, called 'Did we Improve Lives, by succeeding in Making Health Everyone's Business?'. The Guest Editor will be Dr Steve Boorman CBE, Director of Employee Health at Empactis and Chair of the Council for Work and Health.

In October 2016, the Government's Work and Health Unit consulted on proposals to enable more people with disability and long term illness to be able to work. 'Improving Lives: The Work, Health and Disability Green Paper' was followed, in December 2017, by a Command Paper detailing a ten-year strategy with the bold ambition to enable a million extra people to access the health benefits of work. In 2019 the Government further consulted on measures to extend occupational health support to all UK workers in the Green Paper 'Health is Everyone's Business'. This issue will focus on the topics of work health and wellbeing, and progress made in our understanding of the role work plays in promoting health.

Consultations have promoted the need to innovate and improve research to understand 'what works', to support better work opportunities and to enable those with disability or disease to work.

We are seeking contributions highlighting progress and best practice, and providing insight on measures to improve the quality of work, management and supervision, and analysis of interventions or support that may contribute to understanding whether the ambition in the 'Improving Lives' strategy and subsequent 'Health is Everyone's Business' Green Paper is achievable.

Possible topics may include:

- Thought leadership analysis of policies and programmes in place
- Original research on interventions, adjustments or other measures to improve workability
- Analysis of key data to understand health needs of workers or barriers to employment
- Innovative measures to deliver occupational health interventions, promoting health improvement
- Review of measures to enable employers, employees and healthcare practitioners to work effectively to enable work access when desirable

The special issue will comprise up to six short articles (current topics and opinion, feature or 'in practice') and four peer-reviewed research articles (original research, short reports, and review papers).

Abstracts are now being invited for submission, and should be submitted by 31 January 2020. The deadline for submissions of full articles would be 29 May 2020.

Full papers should be submitted on our [online submission system](#). Please specify in your cover letter that the article is intended for consideration for this special issue. Author guidelines and information on article types can be found [here](#).

If you would like to submit an abstract, please send by 31 January 2020 to:

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