

**Health Equity in England: Marmot Review 10 Years On**

**Launch Media Coverage 23<sup>rd</sup> February-21<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

**23 February**

**Guardian exclusive, Jon Ashworth interview**

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/23/national-disgrace-tackle-regional-health-inequality-pm-to-be-told>

**24 February**

**Manchester Evening News, exclusive, report leaked (breaking the embargo)**

England ‘falters’ and the poor die younger – ten years of austerity in the north

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/england-falters-poor-die-younger-17799512>

Levelling up must be more than some men in a room talking about trains

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/jen-williams-levelling-up-must-17800000>

Oldham primary school shamed for pupils being behind now hailed as an example of excellence

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/oldham-primary-school-been-shamed-17820948>

**25<sup>th</sup> February (launch day, news embargo lifted 00:01hrs GMT)...and beyond**

**Guardian**

Austerity linked to stalling life expectancy, p1, Sarah Boseley

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/24/austerity-blamed-for-life-expectancy-stalling-for-first-time-in-century>

Editorial: Inequalities are a matter of life and death – but they exist as they do by political choice

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/25/the-guardian-view-on-inequality-and-health-a-matter-of-life-and-death>

Medical experts urge Johnson to close gulf in healthy life expectancy

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/25/pm-urged-to-tackle-national-scandal-of-life-expectancy-gap>

Opinion: The fall in life expectancy is proof that austerity kills

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/25/levelling-up-life-expectancy-tories-government-health>

David Brindle: Health inequalities are widening and society is fractured – here’s a solution

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/25/health-inequalities-fractured-government-invest-solution>

26<sup>th</sup> February: Letters <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/25/health-inequalities-fractured-government-invest-solution>

27<sup>th</sup> February: Discrimination link to health inequalities

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/feb/25/health-inequalities-fractured-government-invest-solution>

27<sup>th</sup> February: Thousands of people in the UK dying from the cold, and fuel poverty

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/27/dying-cold-europe-fuel-poverty-energy-spending>

1<sup>st</sup> March: The Guardian: Coronavirus exposes the danger of embracing protectionism

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/mar/01/coronavirus-exposes-the-downside-of-ditching-globalisation>

28<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Tackle climate crisis and poverty with zeal of Covid-19 fight, scientists urge.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/28/coronavirus-tackle-climate-crisis-and-poverty-with-zeal-of-covid-19-fight-scientists-urge>

18<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Failure to record ethnicity of Covid-19 victims a "scandal", says BMA chief

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/18/failure-to-record-ethnicity-of-covid-19-victims-a-scandal-says-bma-chief>

**Observer**, 1<sup>st</sup> March, Nick Cohen – It's official: Tory austerity has stifled the lives of young and poor Britons <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/feb/29/it-is-official-tory-austerity-has-stifled-lives-untold-poor-britons>

1<sup>st</sup> March: Coronavirus exposes the downside of ditching globalisation

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/mar/01/coronavirus-exposes-the-downside-of-ditching-globalisation>

4<sup>th</sup> March: The lost decade: how austerity broke Britain (Polly Toynbee; David Walker)

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/mar/03/lost-decade-hidden-story-how-austerity-broke-britain>

9<sup>th</sup> March: The Guardian: Our social crisis is no longer just about inequality, it's about life and death

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/social-crisis-no-longer-just-060001709.html>

18<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Failure to record ethnicity of Covid-19 victims a 'scandal', says BMA chief.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/18/failure-to-record-ethnicity-of-covid-19-victims-a-scandal-says-bma-chief>

## **BBC**

Michael Marmot live on *Today* at 0730hrs

Michael Marmot pre-record interview on *World at One*

Dominic Hughes package, including MM interview, *Breakfast*, *One*, *Six & Ten O'clock News*

Jessica Allen live on 15 local radio station breakfast shows (0700-0900hrs)

Poorest women's life expectancy declines, finds report <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51619608>

## **British Medical Journal**

The UK's current health problems should be treated with urgency

<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2017/09/13/michael-marmot-the-uks-current-health-problems-should-be-treated-with-urgency/>

Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On, Michael Marmot

<https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m693>

Health Inequalities: death by political means <https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m755>

5<sup>th</sup> March: Health equity in England: the Marmot review 10 years on

<https://www.bmj.com/content/368/bmj.m693/rapid-responses>

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020: David Hunter: Covid-19—it is vital we put this crisis to good use.

<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2020/03/26/david-hunter-covid-19-it-is-vital-we-put-this-crisis-to-good-use/>

1st April 2020: Socioeconomic gradient in health and the covid-19 outbreak.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1329>

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Face masks for the public during the covid-19 crisis.

<https://www.bmj.com/content/369/bmj.m1435/rr-17>

**Lancet** Taking urgent action on health inequalities

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30455-4/fulltext?rss=yes](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30455-4/fulltext?rss=yes)

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. National UK programme of community health workers for COVID-19 response.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30735-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30735-2/fulltext)

4<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Authoritarianism and the threat of infectious diseases.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(19\)32595-4/fulltext?rss=yes](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(19)32595-4/fulltext?rss=yes)

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020: National UK programme of community health workers for COVID-19 response.

[https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)30735-2.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(20)30735-2.pdf)

**GP Online** Health in England ‘faltering’ after 10 years of austerity <https://www.gponline.com/health-england-faltering-10-years-austerity-warns-damning-marmot-review/article/1674981>

**Sky** Women’s life expectancy falls in England’s poorest areas while the North-South health gap grows (included in every local radio news bulletin in the country on 25<sup>th</sup> February, including Capital, Smooth and Classic FM, and on their websites) <https://news.sky.com/story/womens-life-expectancy-falls-in-englands-poorest-areas-while-the-north-south-health-gap-grows-11942639>

**ITV.com** Report author ‘seriously worried’ about life expectancy of people in the North East

<https://www.itv.com/news/tyne-tees/2020-02-25/report-author-seriously-worried-about-life-expectancy-of-people-in-the-north-east/>

### **The Daily Telegraph**

‘Lost decade’ warning as life expectancy stalls

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/02/25/lost-decade-condemned-life-expectancy-stalls/>

17<sup>th</sup> March: Economic shutdown could kill more than coronavirus, experts warn

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/economic-shutdown-could-kill-coronavirus-experts-warn/>

9<sup>th</sup> April 2020: The burden of Covid-19 falls on those from poorer backgrounds in the UK.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/burden-covid-19-falls-poorer-backgrounds-uk/>

### **The Sun**

Lifespan increase is stalling by Shaun Wooller – paper only, not online

Rod Liddle: Too easy to blame ‘those horrible Tories’

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11050653/blaming-tories-for-life-expectancy-drop-is-lazy/>

Grant Rollings: A nation divides <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11067000/how-men-dying-seven-years-earlier-in-blackpool-than-high-wycombe-shows-how-stark-the-north-south-divide-has-become/>

### **The Times**

Poor areas lose a decade to deprivation (subscription only access)

We can’t level up the country without tackling health inequalities (subscription only access)

27<sup>th</sup> February: Jenni Russell – Health Inequality is a national disgrace (subscription only access)

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020: There are economic consequences in trying to save lives on a mass scale.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/there-are-economic-consequences-in-trying-to-save-lives-on-a-mass-scale-tpgwmw935>

21<sup>st</sup> March 2020: Crashing the economy will also cost lives.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/crashing-the-economy-will-also-cost-lives-l9kz50dqb>

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020: Love in the time of coronavirus must be used to help poorest.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/love-in-the-time-of-coronavirus-must-be-used-to-help-poorest-5djgq7rl>

27<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Cormac Lucey: Economic fallout may not be as bad as the ESRI says — it's probably a lot worse. <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cormac-lucey-economic-fallout-may-not-be-as-bad-as-the-esri-says-its-probably-a-lot-worse-39vj5s7fx>

### **Financial Times**

Life expectancy increase stalled after decade of austerity, p2

<https://www.ft.com/content/35003f82-565d-11ea-abe5-8e03987b7b20>

Government under pressure to drop state pension age increase

<https://www.ft.com/content/2baec74c-57dd-11ea-a528-dd0f971febbc>

10<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Effects of pandemic will widen inequality, report finds.

<https://www.ft.com/content/5e6330de-1e95-4343-8424-184d19dc34b9>

**Huffington Post** Life expectancy rates stall for first time in 100 years

[https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/life-expectancy-rates-stall-for-first-time-in-100-years-and-austerity-is-to-blame\\_uk\\_5e54c6cec5b6ad3de383766a](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/life-expectancy-rates-stall-for-first-time-in-100-years-and-austerity-is-to-blame_uk_5e54c6cec5b6ad3de383766a)

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020: Now We're Spending All This Time Indoors, The Cost Of Poor Housing Becomes Clear. [https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/coronavirus-housing-health-damp-poverty\\_uk\\_5e9050acc5b6f1fcd77dc6c3?guccounter=1](https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/coronavirus-housing-health-damp-poverty_uk_5e9050acc5b6f1fcd77dc6c3?guccounter=1)

**Economist** Groundhog day <https://www.economist.com/britain/2020/02/27/health-inequality-in-england-was-bad-it-has-got-worse>

### **Daily Mail**

Life expectancy grinds to a halt in England for the first time in 100 years

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-8038913/Life-expectancy-grinds-halt-England-time-100-YEARS.html>

Michael Marmot says climate change and inequality biggest threats

[https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-2117638/Video-Michael-Marmot-says-climate-change-inequality-biggest-threats.html?ns\\_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns\\_campaign=1490](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-2117638/Video-Michael-Marmot-says-climate-change-inequality-biggest-threats.html?ns_mchannel=rss&ito=1490&ns_campaign=1490)

### **iNews**

Life expectancy fails for women in poorest areas <https://inews.co.uk/news/health/austerity-decade-health-inequality-life-expectancy-marmot-report-1889901>

27<sup>th</sup> February: The housing conditions my Nan used to speak of as a history lesson are once again a fact of everyday life <https://inews.co.uk/opinion/housing-conditions-renting-marmot-report-life-expectancy-2000992>

1<sup>st</sup> March 'Psychologists suffer mental strain from more cases of 'distress & hardship'

<https://inews.co.uk/news/long-reads/psychologist-mental-health-problems-2005042>

2<sup>nd</sup> March: British politics is toxic, but politicians like us (Debbie Abrahams & Baroness Warsi) want to put compassion back into the system <https://inews.co.uk/opinion/comment/british-politics-is-toxic-but-politicians-like-us-want-to-put-compassion-back-into-the-system-2005804>

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Coronavirus in the US: Why cases and deaths have spiked so dramatically - and how Donald Trump has responded to the outbreak. <https://inews.co.uk/news/health/coronavirus-us-cases-deaths-china-toll-why-donald-trump-covid-19-response-2520881>

## **Independent**

Boris Johnson told to take personal charge to reverse shocking fall in life expectancy

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-life-expectancy-austerity-health-inequality-poverty-housing-cuts-a9356441.html>

England suffers 'unprecedented' drop in health after a decade of austerity

<https://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/uk-news/nhs-health-life-expectancy-austerity-marmot-inequality-report-a9355631.html>

Rishi Sunak's best chance of reducing inequality is to up taxes for the rich

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/budget-date-rishi-sunak-life-expectancy-taxes-rich-boris-johnson-a9360236.html>

27<sup>th</sup> February: The NHS spends more than half its budget on people who can't access the internet

<https://www.independent.co.uk/independentpremium/voices/nhs-life-expectancy-health-matt-hancock-digital-skills-a9363131.html>

7<sup>th</sup> March: The Independent: It's not just the glass ceiling that's holding women back – it's the sticky floor <https://uk.news.yahoo.com/not-just-glass-ceiling-thats-101700848.html>

11<sup>th</sup> March 2020: An end to austerity? Not for women or people of colour.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/budget-austerity-coronavirus-climate-change-sexism-racism-a9394926.html>

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27<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Coronavirus: Greener, more equal economy must emerge after impact of Covid-19, experts say. <https://www.independent.co.uk/environment/coronavirus-economy-green-equality-climate-change-covid-19-a9430616.html>

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020: Coronavirus won't stop climate strikes? on the contrary, it could help them.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/coronavirus-climate-strike-protest-flights-emissions-a9442101.html>

## **Mirror**

Health study warns of life span flatline <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/tory-austerity-plunges-england-lost-21571967>

The life-destroying consequences of a decade of Tory cuts

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/life-destroying-consequences-decade-tory-21571095>

5<sup>th</sup> March: Mirror: Deaths of nearly 200 babies in England before the age of one linked to child poverty <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/deaths-nearly-200-babies-england-21636602>

6<sup>th</sup> March: Deaths of nearly 200 babies in England before the age of one linked to child poverty <https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/deaths-nearly-200-babies-england-21636602>

## **Express**

Our lost decade for health as gains in LE halt <https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/health/1247545/how-to-live-longer-life-expectancy>

27<sup>th</sup> February: The price we all have to pay for the good life, Leo Mckinstry

<https://www.express.co.uk/comment/columnists/leo-mckinstry/1247889/Obesity-crisis-Britain-Leo-mckinstry>

## **Metro**

Life expectancy 'hit by ten years of austerity' <https://metro.co.uk/2020/02/25/life-expectancy-england-flatlines-10-years-austerity-12297301/>

**Press Association** (covered by ITV and every regional/local paper and many other like Yahoo, AOL and MSN online outlets) Health expert urges action to tackle England's 'flatlining' health inequalities  
<https://www.eveningexpress.co.uk/news/uk/health-expert-urges-action-to-tackle-englands-flatlining-life-expectancy/>

### **Prospect**

The headlines about the new Marmot austerity report are shocking but the full details are worse  
<https://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/politics/what-is-austerity-marmot-report-deaths-uk>

### **Nursing Times**

Life expectancy stagnation 'reinforces need for nursing investment'  
<https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/public-health/life-expectancy-stagnation-reinforces-need-for-nursing-investment-25-02-2020/>

### **Independent Nurse**

Life expectancy fails to rise for 'first time in a century'  
<https://www.independentnurse.co.uk/news/life-expectancy-fails-to-rise-for-first-time-in-a-century/224440/>

### **New Statesman**

A lost decade: Cost of austerity laid bare by independent health review  
<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/health/2020/02/lost-decade-cost-austerity-exposed-independent-health-review>

First Thoughts: The effects of austerity <https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk/2020/02/first-thoughts-effects-austerity-coronavirus-and-quarantine-and-what>

Leader: The long shadow of austerity on Britain

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk/2020/02/leader-long-shadow-austerity>

12<sup>th</sup> March: New Statesman: The Budget showed Labour has won the spending debate – but a new economic model is needed <https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/economy/2020/03/budget-showed-labour-has-won-spending-debate-new-economic-model-needed>

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020: After the coronavirus crisis, a new struggle against austerity will begin.

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/economy/2020/04/after-coronavirus-crisis-new-struggle-against-austerity-will-begin>

### **Evening Standard**

Women's life expectancy at 10-year low in poorest parts of England, shocking new report reveals  
<https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/marmot-2020-review-inequality-womens-life-expectancy-a4370806.html>

**The Big Issue:** Life expectancy stalling 'a sign that society has stopped improving

<https://www.bigissue.com/latest/life-expectancy-stalling-a-sign-that-society-has-stopped-improving/>

28<sup>th</sup> February: Universal credit 'should be modified to reduce mental health harms

<https://www.bigissue.com/latest/universal-credit-should-be-modified-to-reduce-mental-health-harms/>

### **Morning Star**

Chancellor must come clean over links to tax avoiders and tax havens, McDonnell says

<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/chancellor-must-come-clean-over-links-to-tax-avoiders-and-tax-havens-mcdonnell-says>



**LBC** Life expectancy stalls in UK's most deprived areas, report reveals

<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/life-expectancy-stalls-in-uks-most-deprived-areas/>

Iain Dale takes on reports author <https://www.lbc.co.uk/radio/presenters/iain-dale/iain-dale-takes-on-report-author-life-expectancy/>

**Times Education Supplement** Levelling up matters and colleges have a key role

<https://www.tes.com/news/levelling-matters-and-colleges-have-key-role>

**City AM:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March: We are blind to the soft-left bias across British Institutions

<https://www.cityam.com/we-are-blind-to-the-soft-left-bias-across-british-institutions/>

**Cosmopolitan** Female life expectancy has dropped in parts of England

<https://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/body/health/a31110728/female-life-expectancy-dropped-uk/>

**Hansard** – mentions of review findings in Parliament

Agriculture Bill (fifth sitting) [https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-02-25/debates/a89a3d85-3f22-4752-8df3-729cc56c9872/AgricultureBill\(FifthSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-02-25/debates/a89a3d85-3f22-4752-8df3-729cc56c9872/AgricultureBill(FifthSitting))

Lords, children and Families: early years interventions <https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2020-02-27/debates/B5A835D9-E6C1-47B4-9207-66848BF34361/ChildrenAndFamiliesEarlyYearsInterventions>

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-03-09/debates/32A6D210-C236-4CA3-AD8D-EBFAC2DAB231/StatePensionAgeLifeExpectancy>

9<sup>th</sup> March: Hansard Commons Sitting: State Pension Age: Life Expectancy

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-03-09/debates/32A6D210-C236-4CA3-AD8D-EBFAC2DAB231/StatePensionAgeLifeExpectancy>

**They Work For You** – online coverage of debates in Parliament

Social Care <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-02-25c.242.0>

Business of the House <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-02-27a.484.7>

Young People: Equitable Opportunity <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-03-02b.591.0>

School exclusions <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/whall/?id=2020-02-26a.83.0>

4<sup>th</sup> March: They Work For You (Web): Health Inequalities – in the House of Commons

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-03-04c.903.0>

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<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-03-04.25165.h>

9<sup>th</sup> March: They Work For You: Wealth, Treasury written question

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-03-04.25166.h>

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020: Infant Mortality: Coventry. <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-03-06.26185.h>

17<sup>th</sup> March: Infant Mortality: Coventry

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-03-06.26185.h>

### **Blogs and Organisational Responses**

Royal College of Physicians: The Marmot Review 2020 – the government must go further (letter in The Times, signed by 21 royal colleges) <https://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/news/marmot-review-2020-government-must-go-further>

Royal College of Surgeons signs letter <https://www.rcseng.ac.uk/news-and-events/media-centre/press-releases/letter-to-the-pm-on-the-marmot-review/>

Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health letter <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news-events/news/times-letters-doctors-urged-take-responsibility-nhs>

NHS Executive: More must be done to address health inequalities  
<http://www.nationalhealthexecutive.com/News/nhs-providers-health-inequalities>

NHS Confederation: Government must prioritise funding for the most deprived areas first  
<https://www.wired-gov.net/wg/news.nsf/articles/NHS%20Confederation%20Government%20must%20prioritise%20funding%20for%20the%20most%20deprived%20areas%20first%2025022020134000>

Chartered Institute of Housing reaction [http://www.cih.org/news-article/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/news-article/data/Marmot\\_review\\_into\\_health\\_inequalities\\_10\\_years\\_on\\_-\\_CIH\\_reaction](http://www.cih.org/news-article/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/news-article/data/Marmot_review_into_health_inequalities_10_years_on_-_CIH_reaction)

Cancer Research UK Widening health inequalities in England should be a wake-up call for Government <https://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/2020/02/25/opinion-widening-health-inequalities-in-england-should-be-a-wake-up-call-for-the-government/>

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