

UK and Ireland Public Health Science conference 2027: call for abstracts

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We are delighted to invite you to the 2027 UK and Ireland Public Health Science (PHS) Conference. This will be held on Tuesday 20 April 2027 in Glasgow, in partnership with the Society for Social Medicine and Population Health (SSMPH), thus complementing the SSMPH's annual Autumn Conference.

PHS showcases the very best new research in public health relevant to the UK and Ireland to support SSMPH's aim of advancing knowledge for population health. Please join researchers, practitioners, policy makers and people with lived experience in a welcoming and inclusive setting to share ideas, address current challenges, and explore how evidence can guide public health practice, policy, services and future research.

To foster multidisciplinary collaboration, we welcome abstracts from individuals and teams across all sectors and disciplines working in public health, including abstracts led by or co-authored with people with lived experience. By including submissions from the National Health Service, local authorities, charities, government bodies, universities and other organisations, we aim to create a truly cross-sector event where attendees can learn from insights outside their own field. This approach aligns closely with initiatives such as the Glasgow Health Determinants Research Collaboration, a partnership between Glasgow City Council, the University of Glasgow, the University of Strathclyde, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. The Collaboration integrates research, policy and practice to address the city's most pressing health challenges and reduce health inequalities.

The 2027 PHS conference will feature keynote presentations from leading experts in the field of public health; plenary oral presentations and chaired poster sessions facilitated by enthusiastic and experienced chairs, where presenters can interact directly with interested colleagues

Preconference events will include a half-day Early Career Researcher (ECR) event on the afternoon of Monday 19 April. A preconference dinner in the heart of the city on Monday evening will allow delegates to meet colleagues, old and new.

Abstract submissions are invited on any aspect of PHS, especially those linked to this year's conference theme of *Embedding evidence and enabling change: improving health and wellbeing through policy and practice*.

We also welcome international research that offers lessons applicable to the UK and Ireland.

Abstracts must be written in English, be 300 words or fewer, and structured into four sections: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Full formatting requirements are available on the conference website. Abstracts must be submitted on or before Friday, 16 October 2026.

Authors will be informed of the outcome of their submission on or before Friday, 29 January 2027. Successful abstracts will be published in a supplement in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* (JECH).

This information and further details are available on the conference website. We look forward to you joining us at this world-class public health research conference.

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