Health Equity in England: Marmot Review 10 Years On
Launch Media Coverage 23rd February-18th March 2020

23 February
Guardian exclusive, Jon Ashworth interview

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Manchester Evening News, exclusive, report leaked (breaking the embargo)
England ‘falters’ and the poor die younger – ten years of austerity in the north
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Levelling up must be more than some men in a room talking about trains
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Oldham primary school shamed for pupils being behind now hailed as an example of excellence
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25th February (launch day, news embargo lifted 00:01hrs GMT)...and beyond
Guardian
Austerity linked to stalling life expectancy, p1, Sarah Boseley
Editorial: Inequalities are a matter of life and death – but they exist as they do by political choice
Medical experts urge Johnson to close gulf in healthy life expectancy
Opinion: The fall in life expectancy is proof that austerity kills
David Brindle: Health inequalities are widening and society is fractured – here’s a solution
27th February: Discrimination link to health inequalities

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

1st March: The Guardian: Coronavirus exposes the danger of embracing protectionism

Observer, 1st March, Nick Cohen – It’s official: Tory austerity has stifled the lives of young and poor Britons

1st March: Coronavirus exposes the downside of ditching globalisation

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

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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
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Lancet Taking urgent action on health inequalities
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GP Online Health in England ‘faltering’ after 10 years of austerity

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 25th February, including Capital, Smooth and Classic FM, and on their websites)
ITV.com Report author ‘seriously worried’ about life expectancy of people in the North East

The Daily Telegraph
‘Lost decade’ warning as life expectancy stalls
17th March: Economic shutdown could kill more than coronavirus, experts warn

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

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

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Life expectancy increase stalled after decade of austerity, p2
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Government under pressure to drop state pension age increase
https://www.ft.com/content/2baec74c-57dd-11ea-a528-dd0f971febbc

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https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/life-expectancy-rates-stall-for-first-time-in-100-years-and-austerity-is-to-blame_uk_5e54c6cec5b6ad3de383766a

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Life expectancy grinds to a halt in England for the first time in 100 years
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Michael Marmot says climate change and inequality biggest threats
iNews

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13th March: ‘Psychologists suffer mental strain from more cases of ‘distress & hardship’ [https://inews.co.uk/news/long-reads/psychologist-mental-health-problems-2005042]

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

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