Health Equity in England: Marmot Review 10 Years On

Launch Media Coverage 23rd February-6th March 2020

23 February

Guardian exclusive, Jon Ashworth interview

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
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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

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)

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
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
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Lancet
Taking urgent action on health inequalities
https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30455-4/fulltext?rss=yes

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
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/

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)

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-ddf971febb7

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

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-groinds-halt-England-time-100-YEARS.html
Michael Marmot says climate change and inequality biggest threats

iNews
27th 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
1st March ‘Psychologists suffer mental strain from more cases of ‘distress & hardship’ https://inews.co.uk/news/long-reads/psychologist-mental-health-problems-2005042
2nd 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

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

England suffers ‘unprecedented’ drop in health after a decade of austerity

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

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

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Health study warns of life span flatline https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/tory-austerity-plunges-england-lost-21571967
6th 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

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Our lost decade for health as gains in LE halt https://www.express.co.uk/lifestyle/health/1247545/how-to-live-longer-life-expectancy
27th 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

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

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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’?

Independent Nurse
Life expectancy fails to rise for ‘first time in a century’
New Statesman
A lost decade: Cost of austerity laid bare by independent health review
Leader: The long shadow of austerity on Britain https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/uk/2020/02/leader-long-shadow-austerity

Evening Standard

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/
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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

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**Blogs and Organisational Responses**

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Newcastle Evening Chronicle: Growing up in poverty causes NE children to die younger [https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/poverty-life-expectancy-north-east-17811769]
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