

Vacancy: Editor-in-Chief, *BMJ Paediatrics Open*

BMJ and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health are looking for the next editor-in-chief of *BMJ Paediatrics Open*.

BMJ Paediatrics Open is an open access journal publishing research, reviews, protocols and analysis covering all aspects of child and adolescent health from around the world. It is a companion journal to *Archives of Disease in Childhood (ADC)* and is co-owned by BMJ and the RCPCH. In 2021 its articles were downloaded over 200 000 times. It is widely indexed, including in the Web of Science, Scopus, MEDLINE and PubMed Central. It has an impact factor of 2.922 (JCR 2021) and a Citescore of 3.2 (Scopus 2021).

We are looking for someone with a passion for child health, editorial experience handling manuscripts and a commitment to the highest standards in research reporting and integrity.

Candidates should be active researchers and/or child health professionals with a proven track record as an author, academic and leader. Specialists in any field of paediatrics or child health are welcome to apply. Joint applications will be considered. Applicants can be based anywhere in the world.

The role

The editor-in-chief will contribute to the journal's overall development strategy, with specific responsibility for implementing the journal's editorial strategy and accountability for journal content. The editor-in-chief is also responsible for appointing and leading the editorial team. They will act as an ambassador for the journal, upholding the highest ethical standards in journal editing.

The main responsibilities include:

- overseeing the peer review process ensuring that the process is fair, transparent and conducted with integrity and in line with BMJ's editorial policies
- refining editorial processes to ensure the peer review process is an efficient and constructive experience for authors and reviewers
- advising authors, associate editors and peer reviewers as necessary
- supervising the journal's response to research or publication integrity issues, editorial appeals, complaints and reader feedback
- building and maintaining an international, gender-balanced team of associate editors, editorial advisers and reviewers
- advising BMJ on developments in the field
- working collaboratively with editors of other journals, especially ADC, to optimise authors' experiences
- representing the journal at conferences, webinars or events
- participating in BMJ working groups on relevant topics, e.g. peer review best practices.

Working with BMJ

Editorial training and technical support will be provided, together with strategic guidance from the BMJ publishing team and editorial support from BMJ's expert in-house teams.

BMJ holds an annual meeting for editors and runs online events for editors throughout the year. We encourage editors to network, share experiences and work together. Access to BMJ content can be provided if needed.

An annual honorarium is offered, as well as experienced editorial office support. The time commitment will depend on the structure of the editorial team, but is estimated at 7-10 hours per week. This is an independent contractor position and the initial term of office is three years with an option to extend.

The expected start date is **1 October 2023**.

How to apply

Please send a CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for the role. Please also include the following:

- an assessment of the journal as it currently stands, including strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
- how you would like to work with BMJ in continuing to diversify and make more inclusive not just the range of articles but also BMJ PO's contributors, reviewers, editorial team and specialty representation
- an outline of previous editorial and leadership experience.

Please send applications to Henry Spilberg, Senior Publisher, BMJ (hspilberg@bmj.com) with the subject line "BMJ PO Editorship". The deadline for applications is **2 April 2023**. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a panel of BMJ and RCPCH representatives.

About the owners

About BMJ

BMJ (<https://journals.bmj.com/>) is a global healthcare knowledge provider with a vision for a healthier world. We share knowledge and expertise to improve healthcare outcomes. You may know us as the publisher of one of the world's most cited general medical journals, *The BMJ*. We also publish 65 specialty journals, many of which are the most influential titles in their field. We also offer digital professional development courses and clinical decision support tools to help medical institutions and clinicians tackle today's most critical healthcare challenges.

About the RCPCH

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/>) is the membership body for paediatricians in the UK and around the world. Founded in 1996 and now with about 20,000 members in the UK and internationally, we play a major role in postgraduate medical education, professional standards, research and policy.