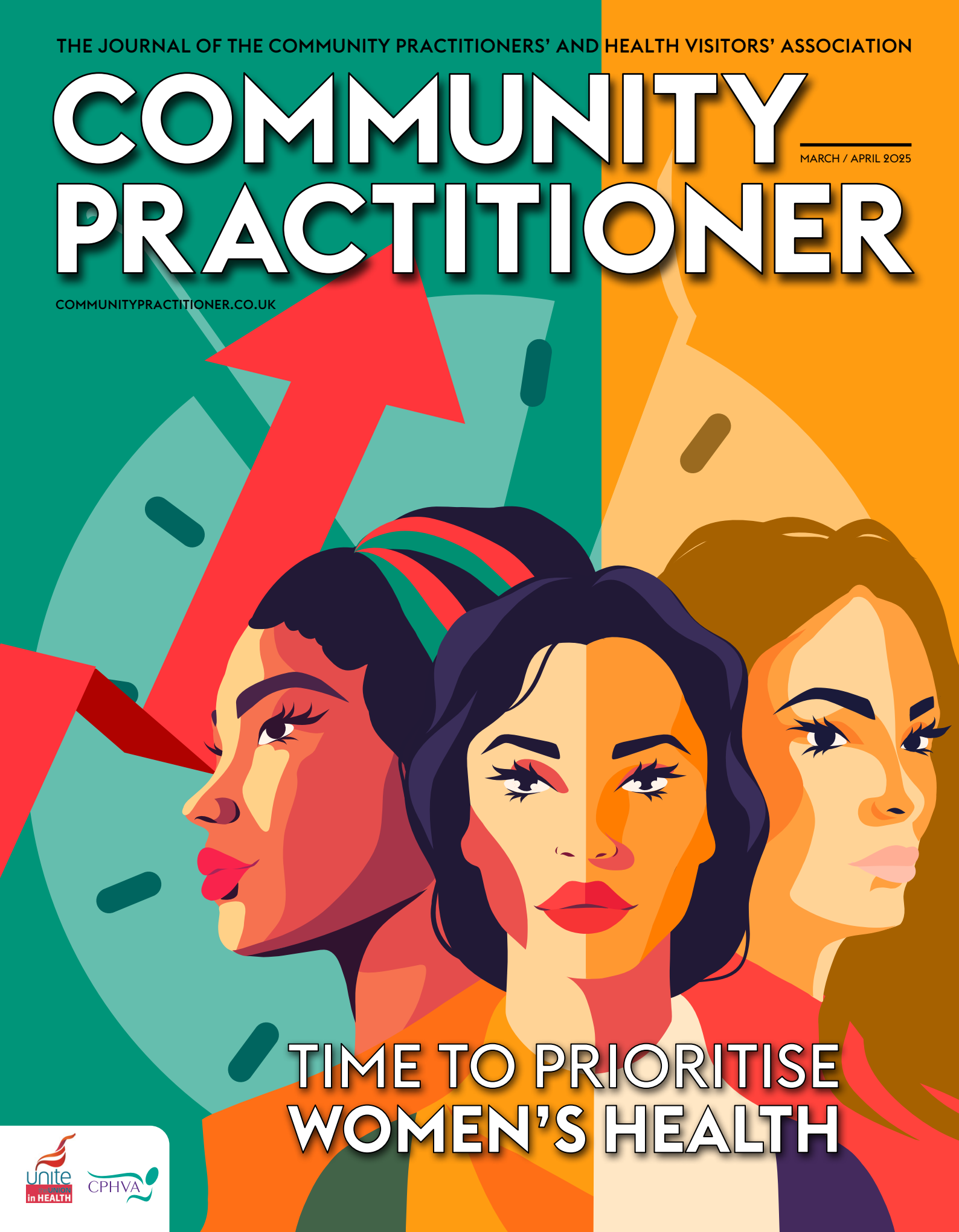


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WELCOME

from your editor, Aviva



'What we're seeing now is probably just the start of long overdue change', we wrote in the journal nearly six years ago when covering health inequalities for women. In 2022, the journal heard from an expert that 'we simply cannot keep marginalising women's health at the back of the cupboard'. Yet in 2025, here we are asking why women are still having to deal with undiagnosed gynaecological conditions, untreated maternal mental health issues, struggles in the workplace and unequal care. As our cover feature on [page 22](#) states, not only is it time to finally prioritise women's health, but doing so would benefit everyone – even the UK economy.

We would be interested to hear of your experiences – in a personal or professional capacity – on the inequalities you've witnessed. On the topic of unequal care, the assisted dying bill currently going through parliament has brought into sharp focus the poor state of end-of-life care. Can a new commission address the shortfalls that

are leaving people, their families and practitioners to struggle? (See [page 12](#)).

To ensure you stay on top in an ever-challenging landscape, put November's Unite-CPHVA Annual Professional Conference in your diaries ([page 10](#)).

Elsewhere, we hear from Scotland's interim CNO on her determination to drive forward change ([page 16](#)).

Please continue to share your reflections and practice insights as always.



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