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Child poverty: time to act

Is enough being done to lift children out of hardship
and provide the security they need and deserve?



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Registered adult nurse and recent SCPHN graduate Marie has written a reflection in honour of the CPHVA's 130th anniversary (page 26)



Professor Ruth Oshikanlu MBE

Ruth is a midwife, health visitor and nursing leader. Learn more about her conference session to honour the heritage of health visiting (page 30)



Joana Taylor Tavares

Chartered psychologist Joana discusses training and the importance of the infant voice in supporting the newborn-parent relationship (page 36)

Welcome

Last year, the government made a commitment to lift 550,000 children out of poverty by 2030 – but with poverty stats far higher than that and families suffering right now, is that enough? With a new PM firmly in place, our cover story ([page 12](#)) examines the progress on child poverty, and asks what needs to happen to truly improve life today.

Inequality is just one reason why childhoods have got unhealthier, according to the latest findings, with underinvestment in the CP workforce another (see [page 18](#)). More positively, boosting health visitor contacts and capacity could be key to a better future.

Contributors this issue explore vital topics as always, including strengthening international partnerships in public health nursing practice ([page 32](#)), and improving confidence in supporting the newborn-parent relationship ([page 36](#)).

You'll notice a new look on this page, allowing us to highlight some of our invaluable contributors. Your input – whether a reflection, an element of your practice (successes and challenges), or a research paper – offers unique insight to members, helps raise your own profile, and makes this award-winning publication what it is.

We're looking forward to connecting with some of you at the fast-approaching Unite-CPHVA Annual Professional Conference. Our interview with one of the keynote speakers offers a thought-provoking read and insight into what you can expect (see [page 22](#)). This is the last issue before the big event, so take advantage of more details (from [page 28](#)), another speaker reveal, and a direct link to book ([page 6](#)). See you soon!

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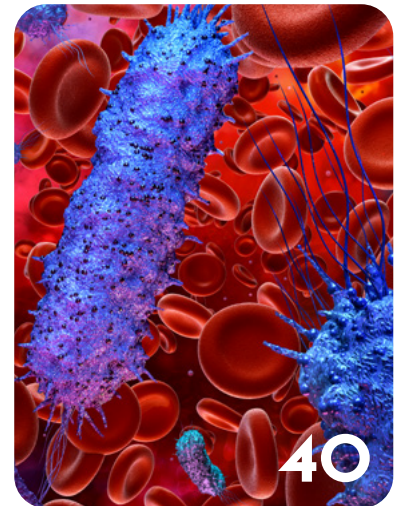
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