

The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
Statement of Intent on Health Inequalities

"Despite increasing national prosperity, wider opportunity and improving health over the last 20 years, there remain striking inequalities in health between groups and areas. In some areas of the country, life expectancy is the same now as the national average in the 1950s"

There are widening inequalities in health in the UK and an action plan to reverse this trend, supported by widespread public consultation, has been announced as a priority for government action.

All Colleges and Faculties as charities are required to demonstrate that their work is for the benefit of the public, and therefore the Academy recognises the need to promote health and raise the profile of health inequality issues in Colleges and Faculties.

The Academy's Health Inequalities Forum (AHIF) aims to ensure that health inequality issues are:

- recognised as being relevant to every specialty
- given priority on all College/Faculty's agendas
- incorporated into postgraduate curricula and training programmes
- disseminated by sharing good practice
- supported with accurate and accessible information

The AHIF has already looked at how each College and Faculty addresses and promotes these issues and plans later this year to audit further developments.

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