

Papers and reports on policymaking across health humanities, creative health, culture, health and social care



A list of articles exploring the policy environment and how different stakeholders can influence policymaking.

The arts in public health policy: progress and opportunities

(2023) Rosie Dow, Katey Warran, Pilar Letrondo and Daisy Fancourt

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667\(22\)00313-9/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/article/PIIS2468-2667(22)00313-9/fulltext)

The Humanities and Health Policy

(2023) Sean M. Bagshaw, Erika Dyck, Maya J. Goldenberg, Bev Holmes, Esyllt Jones, FRSC and Julia M. Wright, FRSC

https://rsc-src.ca/sites/default/files/PB%20Humanities_EN.pdf

ThinkARTank: Creative Approaches to Inclusive Policymaking in Healthcare Settings

(2024) Melanie Sarantou, Mira Alhonsuo and Amna Qureshi

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65766-5_2

The humanities and health policy

(2024) Sean M. Bagshaw, Erika Dyck, Maya J. Goldenberg, Bev Holmes, Esyllt Jones and Julia M. Wright

<https://doi.org/10.1139/facets-2023-0093>

A new perspective to an old problem - Mobilizing research into policy and practice using an arts and health case study

(2024) Christina Davies, Melanie Pescud, Susan Maury and Denise Sullivan

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2024.1392146>

University policy engagement bodies in the UK and the variable meanings of and approaches to impact

(2022) Hannah Durrant and Eleanor MacKillop

<https://academic.oup.com/rev/article/31/3/372/6609060>

The dos and don'ts of influencing policy: a systematic review of advice to academics

(2019) Kathryn Oliver and Paul Cairney

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-019-0232-y>

Utilising creative practice and the arts to develop public health policy: the voices of children and young people in Newcastle

(2026) Louise Brennan, Victoria Sanderson, Lily Mae Kroese, and Alice Wiseman

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/17579139261430640>

The Sociology of Arts and Health: Theory, Policy and Practice in Culture, Health and Wellbeing

(2027) Norma Daykin and Katey Warran

<https://www.routledge.com/The-Sociology-of-Arts-and-Health-Theory-Policy-and-Practice-in-Culture-Health-and-Wellbeing/Daykin-Warran/p/book/9781032738352>

Who cares? At what price? The hidden costs of socially engaged arts labour and the moral failure of cultural policy

(2022) Eleonora Belfiore

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1367549420982863>

Evidence Enquiry for Wellbeing and Heritage

(2025) Dilshaad Bundhoo, Clair Greenaway, Demelza Jones, Alan Marvell, John Powell, Paul Courtney

<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/results/reports/9169/EvidenceEnquiryforWellbeingandHeritage>

Creative Industries Council Health & Wellbeing Forum

(2025) Jonathan Badyal, Şenay Camgöz, Helen Chatterjee, Alexandra Coulter, Nicola Gitsham, Darren Henley, Victoria Hume, Kirsty Leith, Hannah McLennan, Charlotte Osborn-Forde, James Sanderson, Mark Taylor, Chris Walters, Hollie Smith-Charles, Jemma Channing, Harriet Bacon, Gail Caig and Jon Zeff, with support from DCMS and DHSC representatives

https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/60a2e06021577f542777ca5d/68cc1937930b4e6d475509e8_CIC-HealthWellbeingReport-v5FINAL.pdf

‘What we’ve tried, hasn’t worked’: the politics of assets based public health”, Critical Public Health

(2013) Lynne Friedli

<https://doi.org/10.1080/09581596.2012.748882>

Understanding Well-being Data: Improving Social and Cultural Policy, Practice and Research

(2021) Susan Oman

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-72937-0>

Inequalities in local government spending on cultural, environmental and planning services: a time-trend analysis in England, Scotland, and Wales

(2023) Katie Fahy, Alexandros Alexiou, Kate Mason, Davara Bennett, Matt Egan, David Taylor-Robinson and Ben Barr

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36855080/>

What is the evidence on the role of the arts in improving health and well-being? A scoping review

(2019) Daisy Fancourt and Saoirse Finn, on behalf of World Health Organisation (Europe)

<https://ncch.org.uk/uploads/WHO-Scoping-Review-Arts-and-Health.pdf>

NICE Guidelines 44: Community engagement: improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities

(2016) National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng44>

Evidence Review: The Arts in Care Homes for Older People

(2026) Rebecca Gordon-Nesbitt

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/research-and-data/evidence-review-arts-care-homes-older-people>

Every Care Home a Creative Home (includes Government recommendations)

(2022) David Cutler

<https://baringfoundation.org.uk/resource/every-care-home-a-creative-home/>

Culture and Heritage Capital: Monetising the impact of culture and heritage on health and wellbeing

(2024) Frontier Economics, on behalf of Department of Culture, Media and Sport

<https://www.frontier-economics.com/media/2lbntjz/monetising-the-impact-of-culture-and-heritage-on-health-and-wellbeing.pdf>

Using WELLBYs to demonstrate the social value of social prescribing at a national level

(2026) Chris Dayson, Ian Wilson, David Leather, Alexis Foster, Richard Jaques, Annette Haywood, Ruth Garside, Catherine Harris, Harriet Hunt, Eleanor Holding, Kerry Husk, Rebecca Lovell, Katie Shearn, Julian Dobson and Jill Thompson

<https://ppp-online.org/view-all-volumes/using-wellbys-to-demonstrate-the-social-value-of-social-prescribing-at-a-national-level-evidence-from-green-social-prescribing-in-england/>

Creative hubs: an anomaly in cultural policy?

(2023) Koen Boswinkela and Edwin van Meerkerk

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epdf/10.1080/10286632.2022.2107636?needAccess=true>

Health policy in the UK, in *Research Handbook on Health Care Policy*

(2024) Alec Fraser and Nicholas Mays

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Using narratives to impact health policymaking: a systematic review

(2019) Racha Fadlallah, Fadi El-Jardali, Mohamed Nomier, Nour Hemadi, Khurram Arif, Etienne V. Langlois and Elie A. Akl

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Lessons from the History of British Health Policy

(2023) Dr Alex Mold, Professor Virginia Berridge, Dr Tom Crook, Professor Martin Gorsky, Dr Andrew Seaton and Professor Sally Sheard

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/lessons-from-the-history-of-british-health-policy/>

Why the history of public consultation matters for contemporary health policy

(2018) Jennifer Crane

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History matters? History's role in health policy making

(2008) Berridge

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC2448976/>

A How-to Guide to Creativity in Policymaking

(2025) Ashton, Daniel, Owen, Joseph, Marsh, Nicky, Dillon, Teresa, May, Will, Jahan, Aiysha, Black, Cara, Leonard, Naomi, Phillips, Kwame, Takahashi, Hayato, Risley, Kristina Louise, Sofaer, Joanna, Parsons, Heather, Jenzen, Olu, Everett, Sami, Alexander-Rose, Anoushka, Clements, Naomi and Macpherson, Jess, Bastable, Emily Grace and Wanick, Vanissa

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(2017) APPG on Arts, Health and Wellbeing

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Creative Health Review: How Policy Can Embrace Creative Health

(2023) National Centre for CReative Health

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The Creative Health Review – how policy can embrace creative health

(2025) Hannah Waterson and Alex Coulter

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Research and Policy Partnerships, chapter in *Creative Health in Systems: the People, Priorities and Challenges Shaping Integration*

(2026) Jane Hearst

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