



Publications Update: One year on

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It is hard to believe that by the time you are reading this, I will have been in post one year. Writing this article has given me an opportunity to reflect on how much has been achieved in the past 12 months and to look ahead to what is planned for the journal portfolio.

Over the past year, we have continued to work with our publishing partners, Cambridge University Press (CUP), to embed our publication strategy within the wider Society strategy, with a strong emphasis on journal development, international engagement and adapting to an increasingly dynamic and challenging publishing landscape.

Our journals continue to perform well overall, with key metrics such as Impact Factor and CiteScore remaining stable. We maintain our ambition to see all journals achieve first quartile rankings, and while this remains a challenging goal in a highly competitive environment, encouraging progress is being made. We continue to work closely with our Editors-in-Chief and CUP to enhance visibility, develop strategies to attract high-quality submissions, and support citation growth, whilst supporting the evolving needs of the nutrition community.

A major development over the past year has been the continued transition towards open access. *Nutrition Research Reviews* will move to a fully open access model in 2027, marking an important milestone in increasing the accessibility and global reach of our content. This transition reflects broader changes across academic publishing and ensures that the Society remains well positioned to meet funder and institutional requirements, while continuing to support authors. Further communications on what this means for authors and readers have been sent out via the Society and CUP.

We have also seen positive developments across our journal portfolio. The *British Journal of Nutrition* (BJN) has celebrated its 7th year of the Paper of the Year competition, and I am delighted to announce that Professor Parveen Yaqoob and colleagues from University of Reading were the winners. The BJN has delivered a well-received special issue on nutrition and mental health, while work continues on collaborative supplements, including the ongoing project on action against stunting with the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Public Health Nutrition (PHN) has been recruiting to strengthen the editorial team and recently welcomed three new editorial boards members. PHN has also successfully completed its first reviewer mentoring programme, designed to support early career researchers to feel confident in reviewing manuscripts. These activities that strengthen the research community are alongside continued development of content in key areas such as ultra-processed foods and policy-focused research.

Our newest journal, *Gut Microbiome*, has reached an important stage in its development. It recently received its first Impact Factor, expected to be 2.0, which will further strengthen its visibility, reputation and positioning within a rapidly evolving area of research.

International engagement continues to be a key focus in our development efforts, building on previous activities to expand the journal's presence through targeted initiatives. These activities, alongside continued involvement in international conferences and strengthening partnerships, provide valuable opportunities to promote our journals, connect with researchers, and support early-career researchers. At the same time, we have continued to address challenges facing the publishing landscape, including the rise in paper mill submissions and increasing pressures on peer review. Work is ongoing to streamline editorial processes and strengthen safeguards to maintain the integrity and quality of our journals.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on building on this momentum – enhancing journal performance, strengthening global engagement, and ensuring our publications continue to serve the needs of the nutrition science community.

To find out more about our journals, you can sign up to the e-content alerts on Cambridge Core (<https://cambridge.tfaforms.net/f/nutrition-society-alerts>) to be alerted when new papers are published.

