# Special Issue

# Advancing Health and Social Care in Community Settings

## Message from the Guest Editor

We invite you to contribute to our Special Issue focused on research that advances the understanding and delivery of health and social care in community settings for adults with life-limiting conditions. With rising rates of chronic life-limiting conditions, the need for integrated person-centred care closer to home has become an important component of health care systems. Effective community-based care has the potential to improve individuals' quality of life, reduce hospital admissions and support family carers. Despite its potential, challenges continue to impact community-based care, including workforce capacity, gaps in communication and coordination, variable out-of-hours provision and support for unpaid carers. In this Special Issue, we would like to highlight research that can help inform future implementation of health and social care in community settings for individuals with life-limiting conditions.

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