

## Special Issue

# Emerging Trends in Social Work and Social Care: Opportunities and Challenges for Innovation

### Message from the Guest Editor

Internationally, social work and the wider social care system are under pressure, with rising demand for services alongside concerns about care quality, access to care (including recruitment and retention of staff) and financial sustainability. Changing practice or innovation has been promoted as one way to address the limitations of existing services, policies and resources to improve outcomes for people drawing on care services. This Special Issue aims to coalesce emerging trends and potential solutions to some of the long-standing issues faced by social work and the social care system. The emphasis will be on evidence that advances the research agenda, with high-quality contributions that create the opportunity for insights into new approaches and ways to support them, particularly those relevant beyond a country-specific context. Articles, conceptual papers and reviews are welcome but must address the topic of this Special Issue. A wide range of area will be within its scope, including the following: digital technologies; new service models; data and analytics; policy and practice; and the application of theories and concepts from other fields.

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