

The Role – Editor(s)-in-Chief of *BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health (BMJ SRH)*

BMJ and the FSRH seek an Editor-in-Chief that understands the impact that a high quality scholarly journal can have on improving knowledge and practice in sexual and reproductive health. The successful candidate will recognise the need to engage the journal's audiences at all levels, develop its print and online content, and extend its reach. They will establish a vision for the role that continues the momentum created by the current editorial team, advances the journal's international reputation and profile, and publishes engaging and informed content.

The application should include your CV, a letter explaining your interest in and experience relevant to the post, your views of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for the journal (a basic analysis of the journal and its competitors), and an outline of what your editorial policy and vision might be.

Applications should be sent to Miss Lindsey Fountain, Associate Publisher, at lfountain@bmj.com. The deadline is **15th June 2019**.

Interviews will be held in central London, UK, or via videoconference.

This is an independent contractor position and the term of office is three years. It is envisaged that the outgoing Editor-in-Chief will gradually hand over responsibility for running the journal from summer 2019, with the successful candidate officially taking up the post from 1st October 2019.

About *BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health*

BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health (srh.bmj.com) is a multiprofessional journal that promotes sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing, and best contraceptive practice, worldwide. It publishes research, debate and comment to inform policy and practice, and recognises the importance of professional-patient partnership.

With an Impact Factor of 2.027, BMJ SRH is one of the leading titles in its field. In addition to quarterly issues and continuous online publication of articles, the journal has an active online presence via a regular blog, podcasts, and social media channels.

The journal is jointly owned by BMJ and the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare of the Royal College of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (FSRH).

The journal was previously published as *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*.

Being an Editor

The Editor-in-Chief will report to BMJ and the FSRH but have final responsibility for the editorial content and strategy of the journal, with support from their appointed editorial team and the publishing team.

This individual should have stature in the field of sexual and reproductive health, a distinguished publication record, and experience of working in an editorial role for an academic journal.

The Editor-in-Chief should expect to spend the equivalent of up to one working day in total each week on journal-related activities, although the time commitment is flexible depending on the candidate(s). Joint applications will be considered from two or more individuals willing to act as a team to focus on the professional and academic aspects of the journal. Applicants need not be based in the UK and international applicants (or joint applicants based in different countries) are encouraged. A good standard of written English will be required.

The main responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include, but are not limited to:

- Providing the highest possible quality of scientific content to augment the knowledge, impact and practice of clinicians involved in the field
- Developing and maintaining an internationally relevant and coherent scientific strategy and vision for the journal
- Building and maintaining a supportive team of highly qualified international colleagues to serve as members of the editorial board and reviewers
- Encouraging submission of high quality papers
- Ensuring the integrity of the review process and providing guidance to authors, reviewers and editorial team members as appropriate
- Developing procedures for effective triage and review of scientific manuscripts to ensure timely and excellent support is maintained for authors and reviewers
- Adding value to the journal by commissioning editorials, reviews, educational material and online content, and seeking opportunities to publish themed issues and supplements
- Supervising the journal's response to appeals, complaints, suggestions from readers and ethical problems regarding published work
- Building and maintaining collaborative relationships with the FSRH and other relevant organisations to enhance the journal's visibility and ensure it meets the needs of the readership

As Editor-in-Chief you will benefit from the following:

- Annual honorarium
- Attendance at the Medical Editors' training course in Oxford, UK
- Annual networking Editors' Seminar and Retreat at BMA House
- Free subscription to BMJ SRH for you and your Editorial Team
- Training and support from the BMJ publishing team
- The chance to shape the field, play a role in the development of the specialty, and gain an insight into the latest research from scientists worldwide
- The opportunity to raise your profile internationally

About BMJ

BMJ (bmj.com/company) advances healthcare worldwide by sharing knowledge and expertise to improve experiences and outcomes. Along with our renowned flagship title, *The BMJ*, we also offer over 80 specialty journals and a world leading collection of digital professional development resources. Our unique digital tools help healthcare professionals support decision and improve the quality of delivery.

About the FSRH

The FSRH (fsrh.org) is the largest UK professional membership organisation working at the heart of sexual and reproductive health, supporting healthcare professionals to deliver high quality care. It offers membership options and training and qualifications to healthcare professionals with an interest in sexual and reproductive healthcare.