EDITORIAL

I/we had hoped – yet again - that this issue would include some of the 2018 beconference papers but it was not to be. Despite my rather hopeless intervention at the beginning of the London Conference, which most – including myself – thought unlikely to be successful generating several papers from new authors, there were none left over for this issue.

Contents of this Issue

The result of course is that the contents of this issue are very limited. We have a critique of Arrow's arguments about Health Care from an independent statistician in the States, demonstrating the financial difficulties of a capitation system for small insurer, and posing challenges to the NHS system. It is followed by a complaint by Sean Demack about the tortuous process involved in accessing educational data since the introduction of General Data Protection Requirement.

After that there are two very brief pieces. Magnello announces a conference being organised to celebrate Florence Nightingale's contribution to the development of medical statistics' and Jeff Evans, Sally Ruane and Humphrey Southall announce he final publication of Data in Society.

Prospects for RSN 123

We had very little material for this issue (RSN 122) and absolutely nothing for the next issue RSN 123, due late May 2019. We would like it to be at least partly devoted to the 2019 conference papers, and the Editor has written to each of the speakers asking if they can produce a paper but we think it would also be very useful if any of those who attended (or did not attend) have any ideas or thoughts on the subjects raised could make a contribution, however short. I/we will write to all of the authors individually and circulate all members asking them to submit anything they want to write on one or more of the themes addressed in the conference.

The main theme being addressed at the 2019 conference is Inequalities and the Life-course – the Impact of Austerity across Generations. This includes keynote addresses on Longer and Healthier Lives by Alan Marshall and by Yaojun Li on the Dynamics of Ethnic Disadvantage, papers on Inter-Generational Fairness and on Austerity Mortality and Ageing.

Please send anything directly to Roy Carr-Hill <u>roy.carr_hill@yahoo.com</u> with **Subject Title**: Contribution on 2019 Liverpool RadStats Conference: theme: Longer and Healthier Lives **OR** Dynamics of Ethnic Disadvantage **OR** Austerity, Mortality and Ageing.

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