The thirty sixth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society was held in Nottingham on September 16-18, 1992, under the presidency of Professor R Madeley. The following papers were presented (arranged in alphabetical order of first author).

Homeless women: a prevalence study
Clive E Adams, Peter J Duke, Christos Pantelis, Thomas R E Barnes
Academic Psychiatry Unit, Horton Hospital, Epsom, Surrey

Randomised controlled trial of a district coordinating service for terminally ill cancer patients
J M Addington-Hall, L D MacDonald, H R Anderson, M Bland, J Raferty
(Department of Public Health Sciences, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London); P Freeling (Division of General Practice and Primary Care, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London); and J Chamberlain (South West Thames Regional Cancer Organisation)

Commercial screening activity in pharmacies in Sheffield
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What determines mortality risk in former cigarette smokers?
Y Ben-Shlomo, M G Marmot
(Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, 66-72 Gower Street, London WC1E 6EA), and G Davey Smith, M J Shipley (Department of Epidemiology and Population Sciences, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1 7HT)

Industrial pollution and health: the impact of a coking works on the health of local residents
R S Bhopal, S Moffat, C Foy (Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, The Medical School, Framlington Place, NE2 4HH), and P Phililmmore (Department of Social Policy, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Claremont Road, NE1 7RU)

Public participation in priority setting in the NHS—lessons from City and Hackney Health Authority
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What lessons can be learnt from the GP fundholding experiment?
Jean Bradlow, Angela Coulter
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The cost effectiveness of antibiotic prophylaxis prior to dentistry for patients with high risk of infective endocarditis
J K Buckingham (Health Services Research Unit, University of Aberdeen) and I M Gould (Grampian Royal Hospitals Trust, Forsterhill, Aberdeen)

A comparison of two quality of life measures in HIV/AIDS patients receiving palliative care
E Butters, M McCarthy (Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London and Middlesex School of Medicine, London); I Higginson (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London); and R George (Bloomsbury and Islington Health Authority, London)

Factors associated with passive smoke exposure in children
D G Cook, D P Strachan (Department of Public Health Sciences, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London); P H Whincup, O Papacosta (Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London); M C Jarvis (ICRF Health Behaviour Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, London), and A Bryant (National Poisons Unit, New Cross Hospital, London)

The seroepidemiology of herpes simplex virus (HSV) in various populations in north London
F M Cowan, R Ashley, L Corey, A M Johnson, A Mindel
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Integrated care for asthma: a clinical, social and economic evaluation
Neil Drummond on behalf of: The Grampian Asthma Study of Integrated Care (GRASSIC)
Health Services Research Unit, University of Aberdeen; Thoracic Medicine Unit, Grampian Health Board

Do risk factors for atherosclerosis differ in importance in women and in men?
F G Fowkes, P T Donnan, E Housley
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Reliability of the Nottingham extended activities of daily living scale
Patrick Gomperts, Pandora Pound, Shah Ebrahim
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Development and validation of an instrument to predict infant feeding orientation
Barbara A Gregson, Sena Bond
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Do referral guidelines influence general practitioners’ referral patterns?
Jeremy Grimshaw, Ian Russell, Mona Abdalla (Health Services Research Unit, University of Aberdeen); Ross Taylor (Department of General Practice, University of Aberdeen); and Fouad Ziade (University of Lebanon)

Epidemiology of strokes in women
P C Hannaford
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Guidelines for antenatal care: do they identify the small babies?
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Lisa Hilder
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Appropriate indications for prostatectomy—results of a consensus panel
Duncan Hunter, Martin McKee, Colin Sanderson, Nick Black
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Public opinion and the National Health Service: patterns and perspectives in consumer satisfaction
Ken Judge, Mike Solomon
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Dilatation and curettage: is it used appropriately?
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Agression and lipid levels in the general population
G C Leng, F R G Fowkes, P T Donnan
(Wolfson Unit for the Prevention of Peripheral Vascular Diseases, Department of Public Health Sciences, The Medical School, Teviot Place, Edinburgh University, EH8 9AG); and I J Deary (Department of Psychology, Edinburgh University, EH8 9AG)
Height and mortality: why shrinkage may be the key
D Leon, M J Shipley (Department of Epidemiology and Population Sciences, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine); G Davey Smith (Department of Public Health, University of Glasgow); and D Strachan (Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Social Medicine, St George’s Hospital Medical School)

Predicting birthweight from maternal weight gain
Alastair Leyland, Colin Pritchard
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The Glasgow community stroke project
K A Lockhart, C E Clark
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Aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) use and risk of colorectal adenomas: a case-control study of subjects participating in the Nottingham faecal occult blood (FOB) screening trial
R F A Logan, J Little, J D Hardcastle
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The effects of paying GPs to undertake minor surgery
Adam Lowy, Margaret Fall, John Brazier
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Evaluating community care for former long stay psychiatric patients: what do patient outcomes tell us?
N Mays, M Donnelly, P Kerr, M Scott
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Do GP hospitals have a place in the health service of the 1990s? An investigation in Northern Ireland
N B Mays, S McGiloway (Health and Health Care Research Unit, The Queen’s University of Belfast, Belfast BT12 6BJ), and K Fee, G McElroy (Department of Public Health Medicine, Northern Health and Social Services Board, Ballymena BT42 1QB

Oral contraceptive use at a young age: do the obvious advantages justify the uncertain risks and what do young women know?
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Two approaches to antenatal carrier screening for cystic fibrosis
Z Miedzybrodzka, N Haite, J Dean (University of Aberdeen, Department of Medicine and Therapeutics); M Hall, A Templeton (University of Aberdeen, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology); K Kelly (University of Aberdeen, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology); I Russell (University of Aberdeen, Health Services Research Unit); and T Marteau (Department of Academic Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London NW3)

Loss of employment and subsequent mortality
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Marital status and health in the 1990s
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Clinically diagnosed presenile dementia of the Alzheimer type in the Northern Health Region: ascertainment, prevalence, incidence and survival
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Childhood leukaemia following the Chernobyl accident: the European Childhood Leukaemia-Lymphoma Incidence Study (ECLIS)
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The impact of aterial reconstructive surgery on amputation rates in Scotland
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Urinary microalbumin excretion in early pregnancy as a marker for preterm delivery
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Asymptomatic hyperglycaemia and coronary heart disease
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Sex differences in revascularisation in coronary heart disease patients
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Prevalence of behaviour problems in low birthweight infants
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The changing pattern of cerebral palsy
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The design implications of bias due to exposure mischaracterisation in epidemiological studies
Andrew N Phillips (University College and Middlesex Hospital, London), and George Davey Smith (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London)

Explaining survival rates and treatment patterns for colorectal cancer in the South Thames Regions
Allison Pollock, Rosalind Benster
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Mortality experience of Type I (insulin dependent) diabetes mellitus 1940-1991
N T Raymond, P R Burton, J L Botha
(Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Leicester), P G McNally, P G F Swift, A C Burden, J R Hearnshaw (Department of Diabetes, Leicester Royal Infirmary)

Emergency nurse practitioners: which way forward?
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Fibromyalgia symptoms in the general population
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Evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of medical audit: use of thrombolysis for suspected acute myocardial infarction
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Wheeze in childhood: the effect on education and employment 25 years later
S Ross on behalf of the Aberdeen W H E A S E Study Group
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Estimating the prevalence of severe HIV induced immunodeficiency in the UK
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Heart rate, ischaemic heart disease and sudden cardiac death
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Demonstrating that smoking is an independent risk factor for suicide: nothing unepidemiological is happening
George Davey Smith (Department of Public Health, University of Glasgow, Glasgow); Andrew N Phillips (Academic Department of Genito-urinary Medicine, University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, London); and James D Neaton (Multiple Risk Factor Trial Coordinating Center, Division of Biostatistics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis)

“Is it a different world”: resettlement of people with learning disabilities from long term hospital care
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Rehousing as a health intervention: miracle, mirage or nemesis?
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Orthopaedic waiting lists: rash, rational or rationing approaches?
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Cholecystectomy in Europe—variations in resource use
E Thompson, C Sanderson on behalf of European Collaborative Health Services Study Group
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Uptake of health checks in general practice: does the inverse care law hold true?
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Measuring the exposure to accidental injury risk among school children: a comparison of two urban areas and a rural area
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The significance of silent case notes for medical audit
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The health status of the “temporary” homeless population of North West Thames Regional Health Authority
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Alcohol and sudden cardiac death
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Experiences of pregnant teenagers in Grampian
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“Improving the links”: an audit of GP outpatient referrals
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Discounting the future in health care planning: influence of the economic model
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Social factors and height in children born in the 1980s
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The influence of birthweight on blood pressure in childhood
P H Whincup, O Papacosta, M Walker (Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London NW3) and D G Cook (Department of Public Health Sciences, St George’s Hospital Medical School, London SW17)

HIV prevalence and related risk behaviours among injecting drug users in 12 cities: comparative results from the WHO Collaborative Study WHO Collaborative Study Group on Substance Abuse, World Health Organisation, Geneva

Cervical screening uptake: the influence of illness and socioeconomic status
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