

Top 10 Questions for **health policy** journalists



Does the story ask whether there is any concrete plan and timescale for **implementation?**

Does it explain costs & identify **funding?**

Does it question whether the policy is based on ideology or addressing a **genuine problem?**

Does it seek evidence the policy is **effective?**

Does the story unreasonably suggest a **consensus** in favour of the policy and ignore **opposing views?**

Are the downsides of the policy **explored?**

U enzyme discovery could lead to breast cancer cure

Are the **claimed benefits** of the policy explored and **questioned?**

Does the story largely stem from **official press releases** promoting the policy?

Are potential **conflicts of interest** explored?

Are **alternative policies** discussed?

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