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# UK DIRECTIONS & LINKAGES IN GLOBAL HEALTH

BEYOND POLIO TRANSITIONING

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The Wellcome Trust, 215 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE

The UK has a strong track record of leadership in global health policy and governance issues. It has been the second largest national contributor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and has supported countries that have been at the forefront of polio eradication in the last decade, including Commonwealth members, such as India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

With polio now on the brink of eradication, the GPEI is ramping down and is transitioning programme assets, such as trained vaccinators, national and local management teams and systems, and surveillance, laboratory analysis and response networks, to country ownership. Effective absorption will help ensure sustained resilience and containment to prevent the return of polio and also contribute to other global health objectives, including strengthening health systems, immunisation, health security and emergency preparedness. The polio 'endgame' presents an opportunity for the UK government to leverage its significant investment, as well as opportunities, such as the 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, to highlight the connections between polio-related assets and knowledge and support their transfer to benefit these wider health agendas.

This public event will examine the multiple roles that the UK aims to play in the evolving landscape of global health. Some of the pertinent questions include:

- What new policy options exist for the UK government in the changing landscape of global health and with the evolving realignment of the UK's engagements with existing and new partners?
- How can the UK assist in ensuring resilience, not only as related to polio eradication but also to a range of ongoing and emerging infectious disease threats, in the face of unpredictably changing political climates and contexts?
- How can the UK leverage opportunities to work with diverse political and other partners in and beyond the UN system, the G7, G20 and Commonwealth?
- Can polio eradication and the effective reinvestment of the dividend from it serve as a testing ground for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including that for health (SDG 3)? What are the roles of key UK actors – in particular, government, academia, NGOs, the private sector?

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