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Introduction

Polio Transitioning and Beyond

The worldwide eradication of polio is on the brink of completion, with only 22 cases caused by the wild poliovirus in 2017. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is planning for its own closure, when global certification takes place as early as 3 years after the last case of wild poliovirus has been seen.

As well as ensuring eradication in the last endemic countries (Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan), the GPEI is focused on transitioning – ensuring the transfer of polio assets to country ownership. Important assets include the trained vaccinators and national and local management teams and systems and the surveillance, laboratory analysis and response networks. Many of these have also contributed substantially to other health activities beyond the polio programme. The future value of these assets lies not only in their importance to ensure resilience and containment to prevent the possible return of polio, but also in the contributions they can make to other global health objectives, including strengthening health systems, immunization, health security and emergency preparedness. There is also need to capture the knowledge and experience gained from the world's largest global public health initiative and ensure that the lessons learned are taken up by global actors and used to inform future global health initiatives.

The ending of polio presents both opportunities and threats to the global health community. The ramping down of the GPEI, which has been spending over US\$ 1 billion per year in recent years (mostly in some of the world's poorest countries), comes at a time when many other changes are happening. Graduation of countries from GAVI support for immunization will further stretch their ability to absorb polio assets and more broadly to sustain effective immunization programmes; the large and rapid fall in GPEI finances will have major impact on the resources and capacities of WHO at headquarters, regional and country levels;

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 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.

This public event will examine the multiple roles that the UK aims to play in the evolving landscape of global health. We hope it will contribute to understanding the policy and governance choices that are central to progressing global health at this critical time.

Agenda

Tuesday 13 March 2018

10:00	<i>Registration with refreshments</i>
10:30	Welcome remarks Stephen Matlin, Global Health Centre Michael Webb, Rotary International Rachael Crockett, Wellcome
10:50	Keynote address: The end of polio: new opportunities and directions in global health for the UK in a changing landscape Alistair Burt, Department for International Development
Panel 1 11:20	Opportunities for the UK: Reaping the polio dividend and making sustainable linkages for polio assets Kamran Abassi, British Medical Journal Kalipso Chalkidou, Centre for Global Development Laura Kerr, RESULTS UK Josephine Ojiambo, Rotary International
12:55	<i>Lunch</i>
13:55	Keynote address Ranieri Guerra, World Health Organization
Panel 2 14:40	The changing landscape in a post-polio world: Translating the lessons from polio eradication for global health actors Sir Liam Donaldson, Transition Independent Monitoring Board David Heymann, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine Joanna Nurse, InterAction Council Yogan Pillay, National Department of Health, South Africa Holly Greb, UN Foundation
16:15	Conclusions and closing remarks Judith Diment, Rotary International Rachael Crockett, Wellcome Stephen Matlin, Global Health Centre
16:30	<i>Reception</i> <i>Exhibits from the Wellcome Collection</i>
17:30	<i>Meeting close</i>

Speaker biographies

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Following five years in hospital medicine, working in various medical specialties such as psychiatry and cardiology, he moved into senior editorial roles at the British Medical Journal from 1997 to 2005. He is back at The BMJ in a new role as executive editor for content, leading the journal's strategic growth internationally, digitally, and in print. Kamran has been acting editor and deputy editor of The BMJ, editor of the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine and JRSM Open, editor of the Bulletin of the World Health Organization, and a consultant editor for PLOS Medicine. He has created three major e-learning resources for professional development of doctors including BMJ Learning and the Royal Society of Medicine's e-learning and video lecture service. Kamran has held board level positions and been chief executive of an online learning company. He has consulted for several major organisations including Harvard University, the UK's National Health Service, the World Health Organization, and McKinsey & Co. In addition, Kamran is an honorary senior lecturer in the department of primary care and public health at Imperial College, London. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Physicians of London, Patron of the South Asian Health Foundation, and a member of the General Advisory Council of the King's Fund. He is an experienced contributor on radio and television. Kamran's other passion is cricket. He writes on cricket for publications throughout the world, including Wisden.

Alistair Burt
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Alistair Burt was appointed Minister of State for the Middle East at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister of State at the Department for International Development on 13 June 2017. He entered Parliament for the first time in 1983 and was elected Conservative MP for north east Bedfordshire in 2001. Alistair served as Minister of State for Community and Social Care at the Department of Health from May 2015 until July 2016. Previously he served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Foreign & Commonwealth Office from May 2010 until October 2013.

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Kalipso Chalkidou is the Director of Global Health Policy and a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development. Previously, she was the Director of Global Health and Development Group at the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London, helping governments build technical and institutional capacity for improving the value for money of their healthcare investment. She is interested in how local information, local expertise, and local institutions can drive scientific and legitimate healthcare resource allocation decisions whilst improving patient outcomes. She has been involved in the Chinese rural health reform and also in national health reform projects in the USA, India, Colombia, Turkey and the Middle East, working with the World Bank, PAHO, DFID and the Inter-American Development Bank as well as national governments. Between 2008 and 2016 she founded and ran NICE International, a non-profit group within the UK's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE).

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Rachael Crockett is a Policy Advisor in the Global Policy Team at the Wellcome Trust, a global charitable foundation dedicated to improving health through research in science, the humanities and social sciences, and public engagement. Rachael leads on the teams Access to Healthcare Interventions and Sustainable R&D portfolios. She has a background in policy advocacy, having led RESULTS UK tuberculosis and AMR policy and has a special interest in the role civil society and community can play in global health. Previous roles have included the World Health Organisation, Médecins Sans Frontières Access Campaign and G7/G20 processes, including the role of International Co-Chair of the German C20 working group on Health.

Judith Diment
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Judith Diment has worked on advocacy for polio eradication for more than 20 years and is Chair of Rotary International Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, UK National Advocacy Adviser for Polio and a member of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. Have organized many polio advocacy and media events at Houses of Parliament and European Parliament. Judith is Rotary International's Representative to the Commonwealth and Board Member of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery. Judith ran an independent award-winning public relations consultancy and has held senior positions in marketing and communications for over 30 years including the Natural History Museum in London. Client experience ranges from FTSE 100 companies to start-ups across print, broadcast and online media. Judith has wide-ranging experience of event management at all levels including international conferences, business to business conferences, exhibitions and business excellence awards. Judith has wide ranging experience of local community work and has volunteered for many organizations and charities nationally and internationally raising awareness and millions of pounds.

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Professor Sir Liam Donaldson is recognised as an international champion of patient safety and public health. He was the foundation chair of the World Health Organisation World Alliance for Patient Safety, launched in 2004. He is a past vice-chairman of the World Health Organisation Executive Board. He is now the World Health Organisation's Envoy for Patient Safety and Chairman of two global Independent Monitoring Boards assessing polio eradication and polio transition. In the UK, he is Professor of Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Associate Fellow in the Centre on Global Health Security at Chatham House and Chancellor of Newcastle University. Sir Liam was Chief Medical Officer for England from 1998-2010. As the United Kingdom's chief adviser on health, he worked with Secretaries of State for Health, Prime Ministers and other government ministers. He has produced landmark reports which have set health policy and legislation in fields such as stem cell research, quality and safety of health care, infectious disease control, patient empowerment, poor clinical performance, smoke free public places, medical regulation, and organ and tissue retention.

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Holly Greb brings more than 10 years of experience developing and administering international programs focused on global health and international cooperation. She currently serves as Senior Officer for Global Health at the United Nations Foundation. At the United Nations Foundation, Holly works across a variety of health areas, including polio and the Foundation's broader immunization portfolio. Holly comes most recently from PATH, where she supported planning, implementation, and evaluation of three U.S. Government funded infectious disease/health systems strengthening portfolios spanning more than 17 countries. Holly holds an undergraduate degree in International Studies from the American University and a Master of Public Health degree from the George Washington University.

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Dr Ranieri Guerra has been appointed Assistant Director-General for Strategic Initiatives (Polio Eradication, Polio Transition, Antimicrobial Resistance and Migrant Health) A physician from Italy, he has more than 30 years of public health experience. Since 2014, he has served as Director General for Preventive Health of the Italian Ministry of Health and Chief Medical Officer of Italy. Additional roles include serving as Scientific Attaché at the Embassy of Italy in Washington, DC, Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre and Director of the Office of External Relations at the President's Cabinet at the Istituto Superiore di Sanità, the Italian national institute of health. He has worked and published extensively on humanitarian and emergency operations and health reform in developing and transitional countries. He also has worked with several multilateral organizations and the European Commission in these settings.

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David Heymann is currently Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and Head of the Centre on Global Health Security at Chatham House, London. From 2012 to March 2017 he was chairman of Public Health England, UK. Previously he was Executive Director of the WHO Communicable Diseases Cluster, during which he headed the global response to SARS, and prior to that was director for the WHO programme on Emerging and other Communicable Diseases. Earlier experiences at WHO include chief of research activities in the WHO global programme on AIDS. Before joining WHO he worked for 13 years as a medical epidemiologist in sub-Saharan Africa, on assignment from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), where he participated in the first and second outbreaks of Ebola hemorrhagic fever, and supported ministries of health in research aimed at better control of malaria, measles, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. Prior to joining CDC he worked in India for two years as a medical epidemiologist in the WHO smallpox eradication programme. He is an elected fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (US) and the Academy of Medical Sciences (UK), and has been awarded several public health awards that have provided funding for the establishment of an on-going mentorship programme at the International Association of Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). In 2009 he was appointed an honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) for service to global public health.

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Laura Kerr is Senior Policy Advocacy Officer at Results UK, where she leads on the delivery of the organisation's vaccines portfolio. With a postgraduate degree in International Law and experience throughout the sector, she is responsible for RESULTS UK's research and policy analysis and advocacy around bi- and multilateral child health programmes, with a particular focus on DFID and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. She recently joined the Gavi CSO Steering Committee, where, on behalf of over 4000 civil society organisations, she advocates to ensure civil society are recognised as a key partner in achieving global immunisation goals, as well as the policy changes needed to increase global immunisation coverage and address inequities. With so many of the fundamental building blocks of health systems affected, Laura and her team have recently turned their attention to the wind-down of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, seeking to ensure that the global health gains made in the last two decades aren't lost as the result of poor transition planning. Their work can be seen in recent reports including A Balancing Act: risks and opportunities as polio and its funding disappears and Owing It: turning immunisation commitments into action as well as on numerous blogs and articles online.

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Professor Stephen Matlin is a Senior Fellow in the Global Health Centre (GHC) at the Graduate Institute, Geneva and an Adjunct Professor in the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London. He began his career in academia and was a Professor of Biological Chemistry, researching in areas including medicinal chemistry and collaborating with the WHO Special Programmes in human reproduction and tropical diseases. He subsequently served as Director of health and education in the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, as Chief Education Adviser at the Department for International Development and as the Executive Director of the Global Forum for Health Research, Geneva. His work in global health has included priority setting, tracking resources for health research, promotion of research for health and studies of the political and governance dimensions of polio eradication. He recently co-edited, with Prof. Ilona Kickbusch (GHC), a volume of case studies on global health diplomacy.

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Joanna Nurse is strategic advisor to the InterAction Council. In this position, she is advancing a collaborative partnership on 'One Health for People and Planet'. This builds upon her former role as head of health and education for the commonwealth, providing strategic leadership to ministers across fifty-two countries and strengthening national systems and capacity for the education and health sectors to enhance security and sustainable development. From 2005 to 2014, Joanna worked for the UK government, and during this time, as national lead for Public Mental Health and Well-Being, developed multi-sector policies across the life-course, to promote wider well-being. From 2010, Joanna worked for the World Health Organization, strengthening capacity on national climate change assessments and strategies in Central Asia; this built upon her earlier national responsibility for heatwave and cold weather planning. Joanna then led on the implementation of the European Action Plan for Public Health, creating partnerships to strengthen public health systems across fifty-three countries; this was further developed into the World Federation of Public Health Associations 'Charter for the Public's Health' and Implementation tool. Across her career, Joanna has gained community based experience working in India, Mexico, Central America and Europe, and in 2003 worked with the WHO in Geneva on gender and violence prevention. Initially qualifying as a medical doctor and training in primary health care, Joanna later specialized in public health and received a Ph.D. in policy.

Josephine Ojiambo
Rotary International



Dr Josephine Ojiambo is the President of the Rotary club of Westminster West and the Immediate Past Deputy Secretary-General (Political) at the Commonwealth Secretariat. Between January 2015 and January 2028, she provided oversight of the Commonwealth's political, human rights, rule of law and communications work. Dr Ojiambo came to the Commonwealth Secretariat from the United Nations Population Fund where she served as Chief of the Executive Board and External Relations Branch with responsibility for intergovernmental relations, and also for building strategic relations with UN agencies, civil society and the private sector. She was formerly Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations. In her role as Ambassador, she notably engaged with a range of committees at the UN General Assembly on themes including international peace and security, human rights, humanitarian aid and south-south cooperation. Dr Ojiambo has more than 30 years of experience in international relations, diplomacy, governance and policy advocacy. She brings a strong track record in leadership, strategic and operational management, and a rights-based approach to international development, democracy building, and conflict resolution. Dr Ojiambo a qualified physician who practiced medicine, also trained in Diplomacy and International Relations.

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Yogan Pillay is the Deputy Director-General for Health in South Africa. He is responsible for policy making, guiding implementation, and monitoring of national programmes in HIV, TB and maternal, child and women's health. He is also currently facilitating the implementation of a national programme to re-engineer the primary health care system in South Africa. Dr. Pillay has contributed to a large number of journal articles including co-authorship of papers on financing of HIV and AIDS programmes and drug resistant TB. He is a co-author of the Textbook of International Health: Global health in a Dynamic World.

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Wellcome Collection exhibits

Wellcome Collection is a free museum and library, inspired by the collections assembled by Henry Wellcome. Today we use our collections to connect science, medicine, life and art and aim to challenge the way people think and feel about health. Wellcome's collections are rich in material not only on the history of polio immunisation campaigns, but also treatments, rehabilitation therapies, life and mobility aids for sufferers and survivors. You are invited to explore a small display of posters, films, photographs and patient testimony, revealing of this historic struggle.

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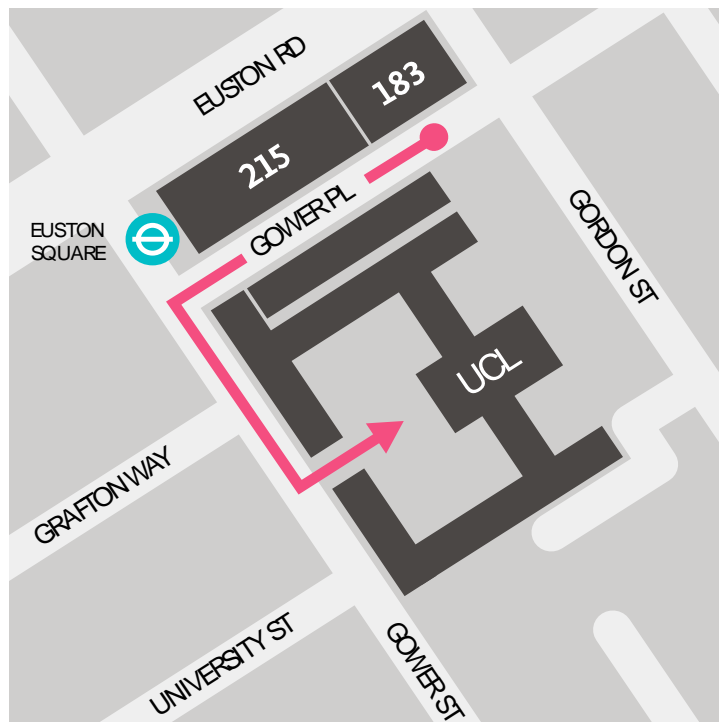
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- The fire alarm within this building is a continuous siren any fire alarm tests will be announced before and after the test has taken place.
- On hearing the alarm, you must evacuate the building immediately via the nearest fire exit and proceed to the assembly point at University College London (UCL) Quad, as shown in the diagram below.
- Fire Marshals will be on hand to show you where to go. Fire Marshals are identifiable by their fluorescent armbands.
- If you require assistance in an evacuation, please speak with reception or your host who will discuss your needs.



In the event of a fire

If you discover a fire use a Manual Call Point (Red Break Glass) located by the fire exits to raise the alarm and evacuate the building as above.

- Do not use lifts
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings
- Do not re-enter the building until you have been told it is safe to do so by your host or a fire marshal

Invacuation

In the unlikely event of a security threat, specific instructions may be given via the PA system. You may be asked to locate to a Protected Space below ground level or move to a higher floor depending on the information received. Fire Marshals will be on hand to show you where to go.

Emergency assistance

For first aid and emergency assistance please call ext. **2001** from the internal phones or **020 7611 2001** from your mobile.

Use of mobile phones

Please make sure that your mobile phones are turned to silent.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted.

Internet access

Wellcome provides free WiFi internet access for visitors. The service is available by connecting your wireless device to Wellcome-WiFi, please follow the instructions below. It is provided on a self-serve basis, so there is no support provided if you have trouble connecting.

There are public PCs with internet access in the Gibbs Building (Ground Floor), Conference Centre and the Wellcome Library (183 Euston Road)

To connect your device to the WiFi follow the steps outlined below:

1. Turn on your device's Wi-Fi
2. Select the network "Wellcome-WiFi"
3. A captive portal will open or open an internet browser
4. The below options will display
5. Select "Guest Access"
6. Read the Terms and Conditions
7. Select the checkbox for "I accept the terms of use"
8. Select "Guest Log In"