UK Launch of the Lancet Commission Report
"Alleviating the access abyss in palliative care and pain relief – an imperative of universal health coverage"

Dan Poulter MP and **Lord Nigel Crisp** on behalf of the **All-Party Parliamentary Group on Global Health** in collaboration with the Lancet Commission invite you to a panel discussion taking place

at 5pm on Monday 25th June in Committee Room 2.

Speakers will include **Professor Felicia Knaul** (Director, University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas and Chair of the Commission), **Richard Horton** (Editor-in-Chief of the Lancet), Professor **Aisha Holloway** (Head of Nursing Studies at the University of Edinburgh), **Lucy Watts** (Founder of Palliative Care Voices**), Dr Julio Frenk** (former Dean of the Faculty at the Harvard School of Public Health) and **Dr Rifat Atun** (Professor of Global Health Systems at Harvard School of Public Health).

Palliative care and pain relief remain are some of the most neglected dimensions of global health today despite an immense burden of serious health-related suffering reported worldwide. Furthermore, with over 80% of those affected living in low and middle income countries, those most in need have limited or no access to pain relief or palliative care. This Lancet Commission seeks to address this gap by bringing palliative care and pain relief to the forefront as global leaders plan for Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The authors have developed an essential package of palliative care services – including medicines, equipment and staffing models – to be made available by health systems worldwide, and call for more balanced global policies to facilitate access to opioid analgesics to meet medical need, while limiting non-medical use.

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