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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

SYMPOSIUM: ENTWINED HEALTH SYSTEM HISTORIES: NEW ZEALAND AND BRITAIN SINCE 1938

DATE: Tuesday 24 October 2017, afternoon and evening

VENUE: Penthouse, New Zealand High Commission, 80 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TQ

Are you a doctor, health services manager, health economist or health services researcher who has worked in both the New Zealand and UK health systems? Would you be interested in being part of a symposium that explores the history of linkages between the two countries in this field? If so, read on for details:

- The symposium arises from a collaboration between the history departments of the University of Auckland and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. It is sponsored by NZ/UK Link and by the Wellcome Trust.
- We are interested in the history of parallel developments of the British NHS and New Zealand's health system. This goes back at least to the influence of the NZ Social Security Act on Britain's Beveridge Report in the 1940s. More recent parallels have included managerialism in the hospital sector (1980s), the internal market (1990s) and debates over contracting services (2000s).
- We would like to know more about the viewpoints and reminiscences of people who have experience of both health systems, particularly those with roles in health policy.
- Partly we are interested in personal biographies, to understand the networks through which New Zealanders have come to work in Britain's NHS, or vice versa. We also want to learn how knowledge transfer and policy learning across the two systems has worked, whether at the technical level or that of political ideas. Does it make sense to talk of a 'family of nations' where health policy is concerned?
- The day will begin with some academic presentations from historians on what is known so far. Then we would like to have an oral history session, where participants join in a structured discussion and share their reflections.

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