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THINKING THE UNTHINKABLE: Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response

The 30th Erasmus Darwin Memorial Lecture
Wednesday, 13th November 2018
7:30pm in the Main Theatre of The LichfieldGarrick

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Influenza pandemics occur unpredictably. But there have been four such events in the last 100 years, and experts agree another pandemic is inevitable. Jonathan Van-Tam is a global expert on public health aspects of influenza, particularly pandemic preparedness and response. In this lecture, he will draw on his 27 years of experience in studying influenza epidemiology, to illustrate the threats and the challenges involved in defending the population from this major public health threat.

Jonathan Van-Tam graduated in Medicine from the University of Nottingham in 1987, trained in Public Health Medicine from 1991, and became a Senior Lecturer at the University of Nottingham in 1997, before serving with the pharmaceutical and vaccines industries from 2000. He moved to the UK Health Protection Agency in 2004, where he was Head of the Pandemic Influenza Office, before returning to Nottingham in late 2007 as Professor of Health Protection. His special interest in influenza spans 25 years and focuses on epidemiology, transmission, vaccinology and pandemic preparedness. He is co-Editor and chapter author of the textbook 'Pandemic Influenza', which is now in its second edition.

He has been a consultant to the World Health Organization on influenza since 2004. During the 2009-10 pandemic crisis he sat on the UK Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE). His unit is an official WHO Collaborating Centre for pandemic influenza and research and a UK Faculty of Public Health 'national treasure' training location for influenza research. He was previously Chair of UK NERVTAG (New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threat Advisory Group). Jonathan was appointed to his present role in October 2017.

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