Currently there are almost 60 million health workers globally, but they are unevenly distributed across countries and countries (2014). This has pushed both care providers and recipients to engage in various forms of mobility and migration, which further exacerbates global inequalities in the distribution of health. These mobilities also have profound effects for both care providers and recipients, impacting on their socioeconomic capacities. Migration has increasingly became a way in which people seek to improve their own social mobility, whether by accessing healthcare, or gaining skills and qualifications to return to overseas opportunities. Yet recently, as technological advancements have begun to facilitate certain elements of industries, the geographies and landscapes of healthcare are beginning to change. Furthermore, events such as the Curtailling of Mobilities, have already begun to negatively impact the ways the NHS can provide caring. The connections between care, mobilities, and migration are diverse, wide reaching, and vital to understand. This session calls for participants to critically engage with the themes of care, mobilities, and migration, and interrogate the inequalities inherent in healthcare.

Papers may be based on international or local examples of mobility and migration. Themes can include (but are by limited to): · The migration of healthcare workers and patients · The migration of pharmaceuticals and other medicines · Therapeutic mobilities: the connections between mobility/migration and care (such as moving to different climatic accessible climates) · The effects of digital, virtual, and technological advances in care on mobilities and migrations · Connections between care and mobility (such as reliance of systems on migration) · The spatialities of health and well-being

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