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Daniel joined the FCDO in 2001 and has been posted in Ethiopia and Egypt, where he worked through the Arab Spring. In the UK he has worked as Deputy Director for foreign policy in the Cabinet Office and as head of the joint MOD/FCDO Euro-Atlantic Security Policy Unit, as well as holding a series of FCO/FCDO roles. He became the head of the FCDO's then-Sanctions Unit in December 2021. Since January 2022 he has worked solely on the UK's response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and is now Deputy Director (Russia/Belarus) in the FCDO's recently created Sanctions Directorate. In this role he is responsible for the design of the UK's sanctions response to Russia's invasion, working closely with partners across Government and internationally.