

British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin

1st June 2020 The Rt.Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Boris Johnson 10, Downing street London SW1A 2AA

Dear Prime Minister.

Re: Immigrant Health Surcharge (HIS) for Health Care workers family

We wrote to you recently welcoming your intervention which led to the removal of IHS from the health workers. However, since then we have learned from the Home Office that the HIS exemption is only for the healthcare worker and not for their family members.

This indeed is very disappointing and inappropriate as this will continue to bring hardship specially to low paid health care workers.

We once again request your intervention to avoid financial penalty on healthcare works who dedicate their passion and life to the patient care.

We hope you will continue to promote a spirit of goodwill at a time when the health care workers continue to be at the coal face of this pandemic.

We look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely,

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