P-05-960 Fund the funeral costs of all NHS staff who die from or with Covid-19, Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee: Additional information, 04.05.20



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Dear Sirs

E- Petition: Fund the funeral costs of all NHS staff who die from or with Covid - 19

We write in support of the above petition as one of the largest firms practising Immigration Law in South Wales and the West of England. Our client base covers the whole of Wales and wider areas of the UK.

We act for a significant number of non British nationals who work for NHS Trusts as doctors, nurses, health care assistants, porters etc. The vast majority of these clients are prohibited from claiming any recourse to public funds in the UK for a period of either five or ten years depending on their visa route. During this period, they still pay the same tax and National Insurance contributions as British workers.

Non British citizens make up a significant proportion of our NHS personnel. They remain working on our frontline at the current time, often thousands of miles away from their home country and own families.

Given that all NHS workers are currently working under the same conditions regardless of nationality, we request that the petition be considered as including all NHS staff and not just those who hold British citizenship and/ or permanent residency rights in the UK.



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Yours sincerely

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