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Dear Colleagues

BIDA would like to reach out to our members and International Medical graduates doctors during these challenging times. We would like to ensure that your voice is being heard by all those, who are making crucial decisions about the services you provide.

We have planned the following strategies to provide practical support and encouragement for you and our wider membership.

1. **GMC news** - We'll keep supporting refugee doctors to meet our requirements for joining the register in future. Find out about the support we offer: socsi.in/jOemw. We are grateful to everyone who is making a contribution to the health services at this time.

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/join-the-register/before-you-apply/help-for-refugee-doctors>

This role is open to all international medical graduates currently living in the UK, who have met our English language requirements.

To apply, please fill out the NHS' survey nhsdigital.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q... & put Medical Support Worker when asked 'in what capacity do you wish to work?'

https://nhsdigital.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q4cFuRzm1j4maN

2. **PPE** - Please let us know if you are having difficulty in accessing PPE either in hospital or General practice, if needed inform us anonymously.

3. **Funding - COVID 19 fund** - We are starting a fundraising account and BIDA Central office will be writing to you soon with further information and plans.

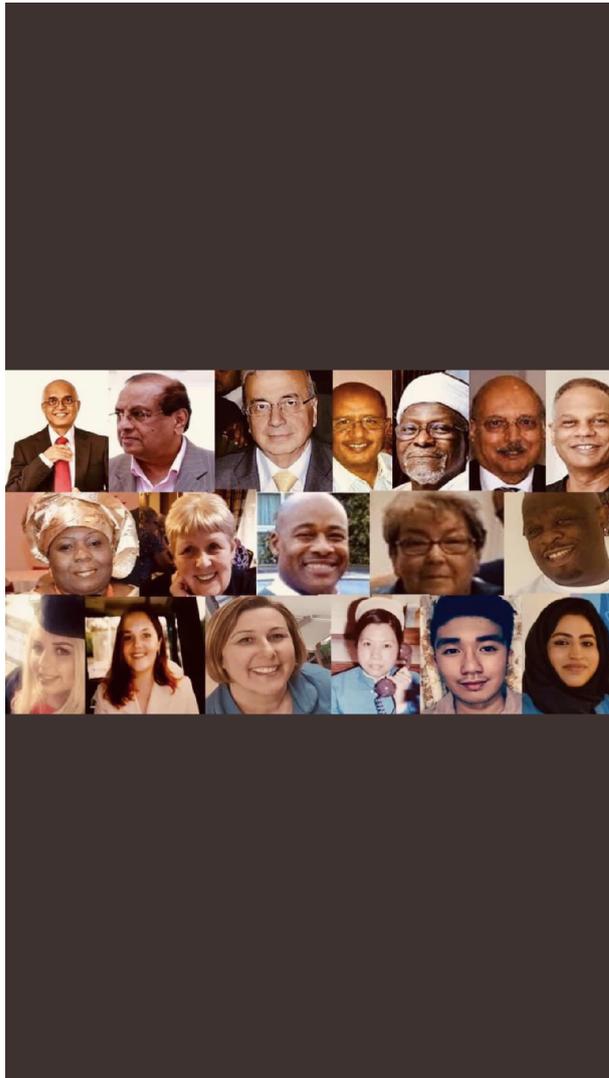
4. **Testing** - We are campaigning for testing for all frontline NHS staff. We are in workforce crisis and there are doctors who are off sick or self-isolating compounding to the already depleted workforce. They want to be at the frontline but can't due to lack of testing.

5. **NHS surcharge** - Campaigning for removal of NHS surcharge for all IMG doctors in recognition of their contributions to COVID crisis.

6. Tribute to IMG doctors & healthcare workers-

BIDA would like to salute our fellow colleagues, who have made the ultimate sacrifice, some in the line of duty and some who had returned back from retirement to continue caring for patients. They came from Bangladesh, Egypt, Pakistan, India, Sudan, Nigeria and Sri Lanka. We acknowledge their contribution and honour their life.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8204215/The-ten-immigrant-NHS-doctors-died-fighting-coronavirus.html>



7. VISA issues - During COVID crisis, if you need any help with travel to India please let us know. We recently helped with emergency visa for a doctor who needed to visit India for the last rites of his father.

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