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Dear Members,

We wish to update you with the actions we have taken recently.

- As you are very well aware BIDA has launched a fund-raising campaign to help Doctors' and Health care workers who are sacrificing their lives in the Covid-19 crisis. To date we have raised just over £12,000. We currently have only 74 supporters. We are therefore urging all our members to please try and help. We appreciate the initial response has been really good, however we need more members, families and friends to donate. We would like to reassure members that the BIDA Executive Committee with the help of the NHS will make sure this is distributed appropriately. Please see link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bida>

- Our petition to the Prime Minister and Health Minister is still ongoing and has received more than 1000 supporters. Please keep the momentum going, and again encourage members to sign and share with friends and family:
  - <http://chnng.it/rSnjCdmPWW>
- BIDA wholeheartedly welcomes the Government's decision to start an enquiry in to the higher mortality rates in the BAME medical staff.
- We are very concerned with recent reports suggesting high mortality rates in care homes. BIDA would like an official statement from the Health Minister Matt Hancock that there will be extended testing to such facilities and enough essential PPE provided.
- Above all, GPs and their staff are under increased stress. NHS Practitioner Health has launched a helpline; details of which are on the attached PDF.
- BIDA has expressed our concerns that Covid-19 testing is only averaging 17,000 a day. We have written to the Health minister to ask him to urgently ramp this up so we can reach a target of 100,000 by the end on the month.

Stay safe  
BIDA National Office Bearers