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Dear [MP]

**Covid-19 Public Inquiry: Federation of Ethnic Minority Healthcare Organisations**

I write to you both as your constituent and as a member of the Federation of Ethnic Minority Healthcare Organisations (“FEMHO”). We are a group of over 50,000 individuals from over 40 organisations and networks working in the healthcare sector and we have formed to amplify the voices of ethnic minorities in health and social care settings. We are united by a common concern that the Covid-19 Inquiry address the questions of why there have been disproportionately adverse health outcomes and wider socio-economic impacts of the pandemic on members of ethnic minority frontline health and care sector workers and ethnic minority communities. These are issues to which we, as a group of ethnic minority clinicians, researchers and healthcare sector workers, are uniquely well placed to address and provide invaluable insight into.

FEMHO has written to Baroness Hallett, Chair of the Inquiry, three times and copies of these letters are enclosed for your reference. On 30 March this year, we were invited by the Inquiry to participate in a roundtable event for frontline and key workers where we discussed the TOR in more detail.

As you will be aware, a draft TOR was published on 10 March and Baroness Hallett responded with her recommendations to the Prime Minister on 12 May. We are especially encouraged and grateful for her recommendation that the TOR “*be reframed to put possible inequalities at its forefront so that investigation into any unequal impacts of the pandemic runs through the whole Inquiry. This important recommendation will ensure the Inquiry is inclusive in its approach*”. FEMHO, whose members include clinicians, researchers and ancillary workers has been tirelessly advocating for the Inquiry to take the issue of inequalities seriously and we see the chair’s response to the recommendations as a clear recognition of our concerns.

FEMHO members continue to work on the frontlines of our health and social care system in the face of Covid-19. Personally speaking, I have experienced first-hand the disproportionate impacts of Covid-19. This has made the chair’s recommendations on the TOR all the more encouraging and pertinent. This is indeed a matter of high national importance.

As we approach the start of the Inquiry, I urge you to write to the Prime Minister asking him to ensure that:

1. He accepts the chair’s recommendations on the TOR in full.
2. The scope of the final TOR provides for a proper examination of the issues affecting ethnic communities and health and social care sector workers, as set out in FEMHO’s submissions.
3. The panel appointed to lead the Inquiry alongside Baroness Hallett have the necessary skills and understanding to properly investigate and assess the issue of inequalities as recommended by the chair, particularly those facing the ethnic minority healthcare and frontline workers and ethnic minority communities.
4. FEMHO are given Core Participant status such that they can actively participate in the Inquiry, ensuring that these issues are properly investigated and addressed and that suitable recommendations are made to improve things for the future.

I am sure you will appreciate the importance of these issues and the need to ensure that they are examined in a robust way by the Inquiry. I trust that FEMHO can rely on your support in advocating them going forwards. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch with any questions you may have.

I look forward to hearing from you.

[your name and email address if desired]