



To  
**The Rt. Hon. Stephen Barclay MP,**  
**Secretary of State for Health and Social Care,**  
**House of Commons,**  
**London SW1A 0AA.**

**Ref. : Recruitment of Nurses from Bangladesh for the NHS**

Dear Sir,

19 February 2023

The Voice for Global Bangladeshis is an international Global Organisation based in London where we try to represent nearly 15 million Non Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) who live and work in the UK, USA, Canada, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia and Australia. I am the President of this organisation.

Since your instruction to UK civil servants last August 2022 to '**systematically increase**' the recruitment of NHS and Social Care staff, we have received several requests from Bangladesh for some freshly retired nurses to go and visit Bangladesh for a period of 3/4 months and train Bangladesh nurses to the required international standards.

The objective is, as I understand, once a system of training is established, Bangladesh can join countries like India, Sri Lanka or the Phillipines; to create a steady yearly supply of trained nurses for the UK.

I have attached below the letter addressed to you, received only today, 19th of February 2023, from Bangladesh Orthopaedic Surgeon Prof. Qazi Shahidul Alam requesting the same.

Prof Alam is the Chairman of the Bangladesh Islamic Bank Foundation; which has 19 Hospitals, a medical college, a dental College and 2 Nursing Colleges in Bangladesh. They need 2/3 nursing teachers to help them train their nurses to international standards including proficiency in English and IT.

I shall be very grateful if you can kindly advise.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Date : 19.02-2023

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Your Excellency,

**Ref. : Your proposal for increase of overseas recruitment in the NHS.**

I am very much delighted to write this letter to you. Our beloved country Bangladesh always remembers with profound gratitude the help and cooperation showed during our liberation war in 1971. Our combined efforts and development partners helped us to reach the path of success— our goal is to keep our people happy and prosperous.

I have been inspired to write this letter to you by my friend and my College batch mate in our younger years, Prof. Dr. Hasanat M. Husain MBE (who lives in London and is the President of the world wide organisation, the Voice for Global Bangladeshis VfGB) when I approached him to try to send us some experienced or freshly retired UK nurses to train nurses in Bangladesh.

You may be aware that the health sector in Bangladesh has made tremendous progress and has achieved many milestones especially in primary health at the grassroots level . Child & maternal mortality rates have improved, and the family welfare system is totally geared up. However we still we have to go a longer way to meet the demand of our large population.

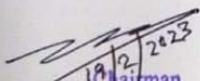
Our organisation IBF (Islami Bank Foundation) is one of the top health service providers (after the Government). We have nineteen hospitals all over the country, a medical college, a dental college and two colleges of Nursing. We will soon have the third Nursing College specially designed to meet the demands of nurses for home and abroad.

Your Excellency, it will be highly appreciated if you kindly help us by sending one or two nursing teachers to develop our standard particularly in speaking English and in the art of medical IT. We will provide them all local hospitality.

Our end product will be to serve both our own country and, your country with a regular flow of trained nurses, to work and serve the NHS.

Thanking you with anticipation

Very Sincerely Yours

  
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