

Prof Bola Owolabi
Chief Inspector of Primary and Community Services
Care Quality Commission

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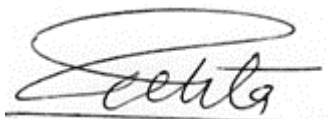
Dear Prof. Owolabi,

On behalf of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), I am delighted to congratulate you on your appointment as Chief Inspector of Primary and Community Services at the CQC. Given your deep experience and expertise in the primary care sector and in reducing healthcare inequalities across the NHS, we are certain that you are the ideal person to take on this important role.

As you are aware, since its launch in 1996, BAPIO has grown into a large healthcare organisation representing doctors, dentists, and nurses of Indian origin in the NHS. BAPIO has not only been a stalwart and a thought leader in the fight for equality, diversity, and inclusion in the NHS but also in raising professional standards and promoting excellence. The organisation has played a key role in triggering the recent progress made in the NHS in reducing the inherent inequality in many aspects of education, training, and career progression. A significant number of BAPIO's members work in primary care and BAPIO's GP Forum engages with primary care doctors across the country regularly in order to understand the issues being faced by primary and community services.

BAPIO would be keen to work with you to identify the main issues affecting primary care today and provide our perspectives on potential solutions. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss our ideas and suggestions in more detail.

Yours sincerely,



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