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To: DoH Press Office <PressOffice@health-ni.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Appeal for peace from NI Indian Nurses forum

Respected Sir,

A Heartfelt Appeal from the Northern Ireland Indian Nurses Forum

The Northern Ireland Indian Nurses Forum is deeply saddened by the recent events that have caused pain, fear, and division within our community.

First and foremost, our thoughts and prayers are with the gentleman who was injured in the recent (Monday night) attack. We wish him a full and speedy recovery and extend our support to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.

We understand the shock, anger and concern that such an incident has caused across Northern Ireland. When innocent people are harmed, communities naturally feel hurt and seek answers. However, we humbly ask that the actions of one individual should not define entire communities, races, or nationalities.

Many Indian nurses, healthcare workers, and other international professionals have made Northern Ireland their home. We came here not to cause harm, but to serve, care, and contribute. Every day and night, thousands of overseas healthcare workers stand beside local colleagues in hospitals, GP practices, nursing homes, and communities, caring for the sick, comforting families, and helping save lives.

Over the past few days, many international nurses and their families have felt frightened and distressed by scenes of violence, damaged property, attacks on homes, and threats directed towards people because of their nationality or appearance. Many are now anxious about travelling to work and returning safely to their families.

We respectfully appeal to everyone across Northern Ireland: please do not allow anger to turn into hatred, and please do not allow the actions of one person to create divisions between good people who have lived, worked, and supported one another for many years.

Northern Ireland is admired around the world for its resilience, its strong community spirit, and its ability to overcome difficult challenges. We believe this is a moment to show those values once again. Let us choose peace over violence, understanding over suspicion, and unity over division.

As nurses, we care for every patient equally, regardless of their race, religion, nationality, or background. We see humanity at its most vulnerable, and we are reminded every day that kindness has no nationality and compassion has no borders.

We also make a sincere appeal to the Health Minister,MP's, MLAs, councillors, faith leaders, and community leaders to continue promoting calm, safety, and unity. Your leadership is vital in reassuring communities and ensuring that every person who lives and works in Northern Ireland feels safe and valued.

Together, let us focus our energy on the challenges that truly affect all our communities—improving opportunities for young people, tackling drug misuse, supporting mental health, reducing suicide, strengthening families, and building a brighter future for the next generation.

The Northern Ireland Indian Nurses Forum stands with the people of Northern Ireland. We share your hopes, your concerns, and your desire for safe and peaceful communities. We are committed to serving this society with dedication, compassion and respect.

Today, we simply ask for understanding, kindness, and peace.

Let us stand together as neighbours, colleagues, and fellow human beings.

Let us show the world that Northern Ireland remains a place where people choose unity over division and hope over fear.

Yours sincerely ,



Northern Ireland Indian Nurses Forum

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UNITY over division,
KINDNESS over hatred.

Together, we can build a safer

