

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jun/15/mps-criticise-exclusion-of-nhs-workers-from-free-visa-extensions>

Following the article in the above link please advise:

1. If there are others in our organisation (a simple number would be sufficient) in a similar position (directly or indirectly employed) - as in the article – having to apply for visas but being excluded from the governments offer of free extensions  
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  2. If so are / were arrangements were being made to lessen (at least) the additional financial burden on such employees.  
Unfortunately the Trust is unable to contribute to the employees/workers personal visa costs
  3. I have also asked 'who is it on the board that would have responsibility for equal opportunities?  
The HR Department have advised us that they have already responded to you regarding this Question
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