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Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
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Dear Matt,

Re: Nursing and Midwifery Council Registration Fee Waiver

To mark Florence Nightingale's bicentennial, 2020 was meant to be the international year of the nurse and midwife, though it is now set to become a tragic year for the profession.

We are concerned that nurses, who are working incredibly hard on the frontline of this unprecedented public health emergency, still have to pay their £120 registration fee to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

We strongly believe that the Government should either waive the fee or contribute to the NMC on their behalf, in recognition of their vital work at this critical time.

Nurses and other health and social care professionals have shown tremendous courage and determination in their duties and have gone above and beyond to contain this hideous disease, and provide world class care to those affected.

Their sacrifice has been immense, and at a time when the Government has rightfully intervened to protect jobs and businesses, we believe that it is only fair that those who are putting their lives at risk for the benefit of society, receive similar levels of support.

We urge you to intervene and ensure that those fighting on the frontline receive the full support and recognition they deserve.

We look forward to your response.

Best wishes,



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