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Open Letter to Priti Patel

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Dear Ms Patel,

Regarding your plans on asylum seekers becoming care workers, we have a number of concerns about these plans,

Firstly, any individual working in the care sector needs to be able to whistle blow if they witness abuse, this sector is notoriously ruthless in forcing out whistleblowers. Please do not attempt to reassure us by relying on PIDA, given the evidence from the real world on our website www.compassionincare.com any asylum seeker who reported abuse would be particularly vulnerable, or likely to be too afraid of losing their job to speak out at all. What measures have you put in place to address these issues?

Secondly given the slave labour issues in the UK care system, what safeguards have you put in place to ensure there is no exploitation and that no member of staff is allowed to live on care home premises or to live in any accommodation owned by the employer, a situation that aids exploitation?

Thirdly, what criminal record checks have been carried out?

Fourthly, have the asylum seekers in question chosen to become care workers? Care is not just about a pair of hands; it is a vocation. To be a care worker you need Compassion and Communication. 70% of elderly people in care will have some form of dementia, they will be struggling to make sense of the world and a huge part of being a good carer is having the ability to make someone feel safe, to make sense of what is happening to them. Communication skills and compassion are the basic building blocks.

see <https://www.amazon.co.uk/DISMANTLING-FACADE-Eileen-Chubb/dp/1783825960>

Regardless of their country of origin, staff who work in the care system because they have been given no other choice, who do not want to be doing the job, can often resent those they are caring for and that inevitably leads to poor care and abuse.

We look forward to your full response on all these issues, to ensure that both staff and the vulnerable are equally protected.

Yours Sincerely

Eileen Chubb

