

Petition for a Private Bill: Inclusion of HL Health Board CIC in the Supply and Appropriation Act 2024 on Health Improvement for the Windrush Generation

To the Honourable Members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords,

The Humble Petition of Lord Lancelot Junior Webb, Karmel Swaby McCartney, Directors of HL Health Board CIC

SHEWETH:

We, the undersigned, humbly present this petition for the introduction of a Private Bill to secure the inclusion of HL Health Board CIC (Community Interest Company) within the framework of the Supply and Appropriation Act 2024, specifically targeting health improvement measures for the Windrush generation.

Introduction and Background:

1. **The Windrush Generation:** The Windrush generation, comprising individuals who migrated to the United Kingdom between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean nations, has faced historical and systemic health inequalities, compounded by challenges arising from socioeconomic disadvantages and the impact of the Windrush Scandal.
2. **HL Health Board CIC:** HL Health Board CIC is a dedicated not-for-profit entity specializing in community-driven health improvement initiatives. Its mission aligns with the NHS's commitment to reducing health inequalities and improving access to culturally competent healthcare services.

Current Challenges:

1. The Windrush generation experiences disproportionately high rates of chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases, partly due to a lack of culturally tailored health interventions.
2. Existing NHS resources, while extensive, often fail to address the unique cultural, linguistic, and historical barriers faced by this population.
3. There is an urgent need for targeted investment and dedicated programs to bridge these gaps effectively.

Proposed Measures:

This Private Bill seeks to:

1. **Formal Recognition and Funding:** Include HL Health Board CIC in the Supply and Appropriation Act 2024, thereby allocating ring-fenced funding to support:
 - Development of health improvement programs specifically for the Windrush generation.
 - Research and data collection on health disparities affecting this group.
 - Capacity building for community health workers specializing in culturally competent care.
2. **Collaboration with NHS and Public Health England:** Establish HL Health Board CIC as a key partner in delivering complementary health services, including preventive care, mental health support, and chronic disease management.
3. **Accountability and Oversight:** Introduce robust mechanisms to ensure transparency and accountability in the utilization of allocated funds, including periodic reporting to Parliament.

Benefits of the Proposal:

1. **Enhanced Health Outcomes:** Addressing the specific needs of the Windrush generation will lead to measurable improvements in health indicators, reducing the burden on the NHS.
2. **Social Justice:** This initiative acknowledges and rectifies past inequities, fostering trust and engagement between the Windrush generation and public institutions.
3. **Economic Efficiency:** Preventive care and targeted interventions will reduce long-term healthcare costs by minimizing the incidence and severity of chronic illnesses.

Conclusion:

We call upon the Members of Parliament and the Lords to support this Private Bill, recognizing the critical role of HL Health Board CIC in addressing the health challenges of the Windrush generation. By integrating this initiative into the Supply and Appropriation Act 2024, Parliament can demonstrate its commitment to equity, inclusion, and the health and well-being of all its citizens.

Your support will ensure a healthier and fairer future for the Windrush generation and serve as a testament to the values of justice and compassion that underpin our society.

Draft for a Bill for the Inclusion of HL Health Board CIC in Supply and Appropriation Act 2024-2025

Short Title

This Act may be cited as the HL Health Board CIC Inclusion Act 2025

Introductory Text

Whereas HL Health Board CIC, Company Number 16043352, has been identified as a critical component of public health delivery through its efforts to support the health and safety, psychological improvement, and welfare of vulnerable communities including the Windrush generation;

Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Interpretation

In this Act:

“HL Health Board CIC” refers to HL Health Board Community Interest Company, registered under Company Number 16043352.

"The Main Estimates Act" refers to the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act 2024.

2. Inclusion of HL Health Board CIC

2.1. HL Health Board CIC shall be added as an eligible recipient of funding under the provisions of the Main Estimates Act 2024.

2.2. The financial allocation to HL Health Board CIC shall be £8.376 million for the fiscal years 2024-25, distributed as follows:

Working Capital: £1.5 million

Research Budget: £2 million

Town and Country Planning Budget: £50,000

Equipment Budget: £500,000

Personal Budget: £40,000

Advertising & Promotion Budget: £1 million

Student Activities Budget: £800,000

Health Activities Budget: £1.5 million

Facility Budget: £1 million

Total: £8.376 million

3. Appropriation

3.1. For the fiscal year 2024-25, the appropriation to HL Health Board CIC shall be drawn from the schedule of appropriations under the Main Estimates Act 2024, subject to Parliamentary approval.

3.2. The funds allocated shall be used solely for the purposes specified in its operational plan as approved by the Treasury, with priority given to health improvement initiatives for vulnerable groups, including the Windrush generation.

4. Amendments to the Main Estimates Act 2024

4.1. Schedule 1 of the Main Estimates Act 2024 is amended to include HL Health Board CIC under Health and Social Care appropriations.

5. Commencement

This Act shall come into force on the date of receiving Royal Assent.

6. Extent

This Act extends to England and Wales

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