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Dear Michael

FORMER BRITISH CHILD MIGRANTS – UPDATED INSTRUCTION TO THE NHS BUSINESS SERVICES AUTHORITY.

Further to Mark Davies' letter of 12 July 2021, I am writing to update you on the requirements and conditions set out in that letter, regarding the operational period for the Former British Child Migrant Payment Scheme (the Scheme).

This letter sets out an instruction, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, to NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to administer payments relating to the Scheme and to work collaboratively with the Child Migrants Trust (CMT) and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in continuing the Scheme. This instruction is given under the part 2, s.17 of the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG) Directions 2016.

Over the past three years NHSBSA has delivered the scheme collaboratively with the CMT, with the utmost accuracy and efficiency, for which DHSC is extremely grateful. The scheme was originally intended to remain open for two years, to allow around 2,000 former child migrants to receive a payment prior to 31 March 2021. At that date, just 1,700 had received a payment.

Based on the success of the scheme, and noting that there may be a small number of former child migrants who have not yet received a payment, I am requesting here that the scheme remains open, with a closure date yet to be agreed. I hope that this extension will

allow the remaining qualifying applicants to receive a payment. The Closure date will be reviewed annually based on demand.

Please continue to work with the DHSC and CMT to make the necessary updates to the Memorandum of Understanding and the Scheme specification, which sets out the details of the Scheme, KPIs and the funding arrangements.

Following the Machinery of Government transfer of the policy on former British child migrants to the Department for Education (DfE), I will have discussions with colleagues on the options for transfer of this Scheme. I understand that it should be straightforward simply to amend the agreement with NHSBSA to reflect this, without amending the terms of the scheme or altering significantly the arrangements between the three partners (NHSBSA, CMT and the lead government department).

Once again, I am grateful for all the work that NHSBSA has contributed, to make the Scheme a success. I know NHSBSA will continue to administer scheme payments with the same professionalism, regardless of which government department they are supporting, ensuring the Scheme assists as many qualifying former British child migrants as possible.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dorian Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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