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Dear GP trainees and all IMG/BME colleagues,

I write to provide you a brief update of what we have been doing on the MRCGP CSA issue.

BAPIO is supporting the launch of Employment Tribunal action for GP trainees who are already affected by the CSA issue. Linder Myers with whom BAPIO has a long and fruitful association will represent affected doctors. The time limits are strict for ET action and I urge that those of you who would like to join should send in your details to BAPIO immediately by sending your details to info@bapio.co.uk.

BAPIO is continuing negotiations with RCGP and others. However our QC is writing to them with 3 weeks of notice to resolve the issue otherwise we will proceed with judicial review. You may already be aware that we have a strong legal team who include Linder Myers (solicitors), Usha Sood (Barrister) and Karon Monaghan (QC). We have great individuals who are supporting us from other organisations including Umesh Prabhu, Rehman Khan, Saqib Mahmud, Kailash Chand to name a few.

It is important for all of you to realise that BAPIO is a not for profit organisation that works for all IMGs, BMEs and all doctors to enable just and fair system. Our EC members are dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to support our superior professional legal team. We have a record of achieving justice and success for the causes we take up. I can tell you that there is constant activity going on in the background often without looking actively for recognition, desire to be noticed in the press or engaging in public attritions. All we are interested in is a justice for those affected by unfair MRCGP examination and a just system for all doctors.

It is also important to remember that BAPIO cares for all doctors irrespective of country of origin, race, country of qualification, gender, age, religion, specialty, location of practise or any other factor.

I am very grateful for your support and trust in BAPIO and our team. I will do my best to update you myself but the BAPIO website and Indi_go Yahoo! forum are the primary sources for regular updates on this issue.

May I also thank you very much for your contributions to the action fund which has just crossed £33000. You will recognise that the journey we are embarking upon can be quite expensive and I request you to continue contributing to the cause and encourage your friends and colleagues to chip in as well.

Best wishes

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Please use this link to contribute to the action fund <http://www.bapio.co.uk/contribute-towards-legal-challenge>