

# Violence against NHS staff: letter to the workforce

A letter from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care Matt Hancock to all NHS staff.

This letter refers to the 2019 NHS Staff Survey that showed 15% of NHS staff experienced physical violence from members of the public and patients in the past year.

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## Nigeria: invitation to tender for purchase of 30 IED detectors



Clearance of IEDs enable compounds to be repopulated by civilians and clearance of roads enables their safe use by military, civilian and NGO.

As part of the scope of works, the contractor must provide:

- 30x metal detector VMH3CS UK V\_Conf-Click
- 30x non-magnetic test piece with brake screw wrench
- 90x single cell battery 1.5 V Alkaline size D
- 270x rechargeable battery D-size Ni-MH 1.2V/1000 mAh (for all Vallon detectors using D-size batteries)
- 30x external charging set 100-240V/50-60Hz, 12V
- 30x backpack VMH3CS with modification
- 30x laminated card contents kit
- 30x field manual VMH3CS
- 30x operation manual VMH3CS
- 30x headset CPLT
- 30x hard case VHM3CS
- the cost of this scope of works must be £72,000 or less

Companies are invited to bid for the supply of these items, through the British High Commission Abuja, by submitting their bids to [abdullahi.lawan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:abdullahi.lawan@fco.gov.uk) by 20 February, 2020.

The time and financial caveats identified above are to be noted.

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## [FCO statement on British nationals on the Diamond Princess](#)



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A Foreign Office spokesperson said:

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Our staff are contacting British nationals on board to make the necessary arrangements. We urge all those who have not yet responded to get in touch immediately.

Affected British nationals should call +81 3 5211 1100 (Japan) or +44 207 008 1500 (UK).

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## [Pivotal THINK! campaign calls on young men to step in and stop their mates from drink driving](#)

- 60 car drivers aged 17-24 are killed or injured, on average each month,

- while found to be driving over the legal alcohol limit
- while there has been a long-term reduction in drink driving since 1979, there are still around 1,600 alcohol-related deaths and serious injuries on the roads in Great Britain every year
- despite this, more than a third of us don't think it's important to intervene if a friend is planning to drink and drive. This drops to less than half of young males
- to address this, THINK! has launched a ground-breaking campaign – Pint Block – which urges young men to step in and 'Pint Block' their mates, with the message that 'a mate doesn't let a mate drink drive'

Government research has revealed that a third of people don't think it's important to intervene if someone they know is planning to drink and drive. While the majority agreed that drink driving is unacceptable, only 64% said it was important to step in to stop a friend drink driving. That number drops to 45% for young males.

Figures show that 60 young drivers aged 17-24 are killed or injured each month in the UK while found to be driving over the legal alcohol limit, and young males are over represented in alcohol related deaths and serious injuries on the road.

To address this problem, THINK! [has launched a campaign](#) calling on young men to intervene and 'Pint Block' their mates. The campaign uses social and online video, and messaging in pubs, bars and sports clubs, to bring the message to life through a series of humorous and surreal interventions. This follows a move in recent years to focus THINK! activity on young men aged 17-24, who are 4 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured on the road than drivers aged 25 or over.

To launch Pint Block, THINK! has commissioned 60 unique Pint Block illustrations by young artists from across the country – one for each of the 60 young drivers killed or seriously injured when found to be driving over the limit every month in the UK. The Pint Blocks, which involve everything from Mexican waves to mosh pits, are a tongue-in-cheek way to spread the message that it's okay, and indeed important, to step in and stop a friend from drinking alcohol if they are intending to drive.

The illustrations will be showcased at an exclusive THINK! pub takeover in Birmingham on 18 February where, for one night only, pub-goers will be introduced to the concept of Pint Blocking in highly original ways, with zero alcohol drinks provided by Heineken.

### [A mate doesn't let a mate drink and drive](#)

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said:

Those who drink drive put both themselves and others at risk. While there has been a long-term reduction in drink driving since 1979, we are determined to reduce this number even further.

Our THINK! Pint Block campaign is about empowering young men to step in and stop their mates drink driving, but it also carries a message for all of us that it's important to intervene if someone we know is planning to drink and drive.

Liz Brooker MBE, Chair of Road Safety Great Britain, said:

Road Safety Great Britain fully supports the THINK! Pint Block campaign. Someone who gets in their car after drinking is a risk to themselves, and all others on the road, including their friends. This campaign highlights the role everyone has to play in reducing the number of people who drink drive, using the power of friendship to encourage safer driving and the need to protect those we care about.

Angela Appleton, Senior Brand Manager Heineken Low and No Alcohol, said:

We are committed to backing initiatives like THINK!'s new Pint Block campaign and ensuring that anyone who is planning to drive does not drink any alcohol. Friends have a key role to play here, watching out for each other and making sure designated drivers always stay on the soft and zero % drinks for the evening.

Pint Block builds on THINK's award-winning [Mates Matter](#) campaign which saw the biggest shift in more than a decade in young men's attitudes towards drink-driving. The campaign is being rolled out with the support of partners including the County FA through its grassroots football clubs, Heineken Zero, Drinkaware and insurethebox which specialises in black box insurance for young drivers. The campaign was created in collaboration with marketing agency VMLY&R.

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## [£17 million to make journeys in West Sussex quicker and greener](#)

- Department for Transport investing £17 million in the A2300 improvement at Burgess Hill
- the £22 million road scheme will cut traffic jams and support thousands of new homes to be built in the area
- latest investment by government to improve journeys in the region

Communities in West Sussex are set to benefit from quicker and safer journeys

thanks to a new road upgrade given the green light today (18 February 2020).

Transport Minister Baroness Vere has announced a £17 million investment in the A2300 improvement scheme, which will reduce congestion, improve reliability for drivers and support growth in the region.

The A2300 improvement, worth £22 million in total, will cut congestion and improve safety by converting a 2.5km section of the existing road to a dual carriageway between the A23 and the proposed Northern Arc roundabout.

The scheme links Burgess Hill to the A23/M23 and is an important route for commuters, who often face congestion and delays. The upgrades will also see the addition of new walking and cycling paths and will allow over 3,500 new houses to be built along the route, by providing a key link between the planned development at Burgess Hill and the London to Brighton corridor.

Transport Minister Baroness Vere said:

This government is committed to boosting transport links for communities up and down the country.

This transformative road scheme will not only save drivers time, but will also mean more homes, more shared footpaths, and more cycleways – boosting journeys for all.

At its peak, it is estimated over 20,000 vehicles use the road daily. Without the upgrade, traffic flows are expected to grow by 40% over the next 2 decades.

West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure Roger Elkins said:

This is the excellent news we have been waiting for and puts the scheme on course for starting on site this spring.

The scheme will widen around 2.5km of single-lane road to a dual carriageway, helping to unlock significant development opportunities, reduce congestion, and bring many other benefits to the area, including providing new walking and cycling facilities.

Work on the scheme is expected to start in the spring, with the road expected to be open in winter 2021.

The new road is just one of a number of projects in West Sussex including the Crawley Growth Programme and [the major station improvements at Gatwick](#).

This is the latest in the government's drive to improve links and level up infrastructure for communities across the UK and follows the announcement of a [£5 billion funding package](#) to overhaul bus and cycle links around the country.