

Press Statement

16th April 2020

The Windrush National Organising Group

The Disproportional Impact of Covid- 19 on the African & Caribbean Community and Windrush Generation

The Windrush National Organising Group is highly concerned at the disproportional impact of Covid-19 on member of the black community (African Caribbean) which includes the Windrush Generation.

We have seen the demographic makeup of NHS Employees and Carers and other frontline staff who have died as a result of Covid-19.

Furthermore, we are also concerned at the fact that those who are yet to receive their confirmed status, yet alone adequate compensation are dying during this time.

It is acknowledged that the ethnic origin of a loved one is not a part of registering a death, however, we would urge that this is commenced forthwith in order that this disproportionality can be addressed at some point in the not too distant future.

The African and Caribbean Community have suffered from various health inequalities, which in our view have not been tackled or taken seriously by successive Governments and Local Authorities.

Covid-19 is yet to peak and substantially more deaths are expected. Our simple question is what more can be done to reduce the disproportionate affects of this pandemic for people from the African & Caribbean Community and Windrush Generation?

As a National Organisation we are seeking answers to the disproportionality of this serious and unprecedented pandemic.

Public Health is for everyone and it would appear that underlying issues require an appropriate strategy.

Notes to Editors

1. The Windrush National Organising Group do have Regional Members who will be able to speak to local Media.
2. In the first instance contact Bishop Dr. Desmond Jadoo
desjadoo@desjadoo.org.uk or 07946=374577.
3. We are quite willing to speak to media be it printed, radio or television and do also have access to remote facilities.