

Dear Dr

**Re:**

I represent the above named in relation to her immigration matters.

I am planning to write to the Home Office about his/her ill-health, asking that this be taken into account when a decision is made about allowing ( ) to stay in the UK.

I am therefore writing to request a medical report from you, that I may send to the Home Office in support of this application. I enclose my client's signed authority for the release of information from her medical records. I can also confirm that I am happy to pay a fee of up to £100.00 for your report and if this amount is satisfactory, you should simply include an invoice with your report. If, on the other hand, you require an amount in excess of this sum, please contact me in advance of starting work in order to agree a figure.

It would be particularly useful if you could address the following in your letter:

1. When ( ) was diagnosed HIV positive
2. That you are his/her NHS consultant who is treating him/her in relation to HIV infection
3. His/Her current diagnosis
4. His/Her current viral load and CD4 count
5. The lowest figure his/her CD4 count has reached and the highest figure her viral load has reached
6. Any symptomatic infections
7. His/Her current medical treatment (please name the particular combination of medication she is receiving)
8. His/her prognosis: if life expectancy would be less than a year without medical treatment, please make this clear, since it is possible that the Home Office HIV policy will change to include this as a requirement
9. Whether this medical treatment is extending his/her life expectancy. (Please state this clearly, if it is the case, since the Home Office policy on those who are HIV positive requires that medical treatment here is extending life-expectancy)
10. Whether there would be a reduction in his/her life-expectancy if he/she were returned to ( ), where this medical treatment would not be available
11. If you have any comments about his/her psychological state, it would be very useful if you could include them
12. If in your view the UK has assumed responsibility for his/her medical care, please make this clear. This is a requirement of the Home Office's HIV policy. Factors that may be of relevance in answering this question include the length of time the patient has been receiving treatment, and the consequences of its withdrawal. I understand that withdrawal of HIV antiretroviral medication can result in a viral load rebound, that can return to higher levels than before treatment began. Please be as specific as you can in answer to this question.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future, with your report. Should you wish to ask any questions before preparing it, I can be contacted on my direct line: 020 7692 5519.

Yours sincerely

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