



Association of Pakistani Physicians and Surgeons of the United Kingdom

11 June 2026

# APPS UK Statement on Recent Events in Belfast and Northern Ireland

---

The Association of Pakistani Physicians and Surgeons of the United Kingdom (APPS UK) is deeply concerned by recent events in Belfast and Northern Ireland, including arrests following a serious criminal incident now before the courts, and the subsequent disorder, intimidation, and racially motivated attacks affecting local communities.

No healthcare professional should fear for their safety while travelling to work, caring for patients, or serving the community. Hospitals, GP surgeries, community clinics, and all healthcare settings must remain safe havens for patients, visitors, and staff; regardless of faith, ethnicity, nationality, or background.

APPS UK stands with all victims of violence and supports justice through due process. However, individual criminal allegations must never be used to stigmatise entire communities - including migrants, Muslims, international workers, or ethnic minorities. Collective blame has no place in a civilised society.

**International healthcare professionals are an essential part of the NHS and the wider health system. They must be protected, valued, and reassured - not left feeling exposed, unwelcome, or unsafe in the country and communities they serve.**

APPS UK calls on political leaders, public bodies, the police, employers, faith groups, and community representatives to act with calm, clarity, and responsibility. Disinformation, inflammatory language, and online incitement must be challenged swiftly. Affected staff and communities must receive visible protection and support.

Northern Ireland needs justice, safety, compassion, and social cohesion. APPS UK stands with healthcare staff, affected communities, and all those working for peace, dignity, and mutual respect.

**President and Executive Board**

APPS UK