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**Delayed publication of BAME Coronavirus Review**

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Dear Mr. Hancock,

Global Minorities Alliance (GMA), a charity that seeks to address minority issues worldwide, notes with grave concern that under your lead Public Health England has failed to deliver its inquiry into the effects of Coronavirus on black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities in the UK by the promised date of end of May. We are further appalled by media reports that cite government sources saying that the report has been held back due to the “close proximity to the current situation in America”.

Holding back information on the discrimination and deprivation of BAME communities is not the way forward to address and improve these issues with the necessary urgency. Withholding the report is a disgrace to BAME citizens who are over-represented in four out of the eight areas of work identified as essential to keeping society functioning – health and social care, (education and) childcare, food and other necessary goods, and transport. It is through their hard and tireless work that our country keeps going during the COVID19 pandemic and we owe them appropriate care and protection.

GMA demands that completing and publishing the report is treated as an immediate priority. We further call on the UK government to work with pressure on implementing steps to alleviate the heightened risk BAME workers face.

Kind regards,



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Trustee

**cc: Patrick Grady MP; Sandra White MSP**