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Dear Adrian

Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules: Adult Dependent Relatives

As you know, on 9 July 2012 new Immigration Rules, contained in Appendix FM, were implemented for non-EEA national adult dependent relatives (ADRs) of British citizens, persons settled in UK and those here with refugee leave or humanitarian protection. I enclose a note which reviews the impact of those rules and looks again at possible alternative methods of controlling ADR immigration to reduce burdens on the taxpayer.

The new ADR rules provide immediate settled status in the UK, and free access to the NHS, to those ADRs whose long-term personal care needs cannot adequately be met in their home country and can be met here with the support of their sponsor, regardless of whether the ADR or their sponsor has substantial financial means. As the note concludes, this reflects the policy intention of reducing burdens on the taxpayer while continuing to allow ADRs to settle here where their long-term personal care needs can only adequately be met in the UK by their sponsor here, without recourse to public funds.

The Home Office will continue to keep the operation of the new ADR rules under review, including in light of any further information and evidence about their operation, impact and possible alternatives. This can be sent to FamilyOpsPolicy@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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