



MIGRATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Rt Hon Priti Patel MP  
Home Secretary  
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Dear Home Secretary,

I am pleased to advise you that we have now published the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) Annual Report for 2021.

The report provides an overview of the current labour market and gives some observations on the new immigration system, with a particular focus on the Skilled Worker route. We have provided commentary on a number of high-profile migration issues that have been faced this year including: the decision to create short term, temporary visa routes for HGV drivers and poultry workers and the varying estimates of the number of EU migrants that have left the UK during the pandemic. We also highlight favourable comments that we have received from many stakeholders regarding the operation and streamlining of the new immigration system. We also discuss the role that policy can play in ensuring successful integration of asylum applicants to the UK and recommend that the Government reconsider the current ban on employment.

We have also taken this opportunity to provide an update on our ongoing commission into adult social care, the substantive response of which will be published in April 2022. More specifically, after listening to a wide range of stakeholders and experts in the sector, we have provided an interim recommendation that we believe may provide some shorter-term support for this vital sector in this very testing time.

Alongside the Annual Report, we have also published an associated Annual Governance Report, providing transparency of MAC spending and engagement.

We look forward in the coming year to continue advising the Government on the development of an immigration policy that delivers for the people of the United Kingdom.

On behalf of the Migration Advisory Committee

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Professor Brian Bell  
Chair, Migration Advisory Committee

cc:

Kevin Foster, Immigration Minister  
Matthew Rycroft, Permanent Secretary  
Shona Dunn, Second Permanent Secretary  
Glyn Williams, Director General BICS