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Dear Colleague,

HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE: PHASE TWO

Yesterday I updated the House and provided detail of the first phase of our bespoke humanitarian support package for the people of Ukraine, deployed over the course of recent weeks. Today, in my statement to the House, I announced measures contained in the second phase of our package and I wanted to provide further detail here on that phase.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and our position will continue to adapt as the situation in Ukraine changes. We will act on the needs of the people and Government of Ukraine to support them in their struggle against Putin, however long it may last.

The Government has already announced changes which will allow an estimated one hundred thousand close family members of British nationals or other people settled in the UK to come here immediately and today I announced two further routes to the UK, potentially for tens of thousands more.

The Ukrainian Family Scheme, which will significantly expand the ability of British Nationals and people settled in the UK to bring family members to the UK, extends eligibility to adult parents, grandparents, children over 18, siblings, and all of their immediate family members. Honourable Members asked today if immediate family includes step-children and I can confirm again here that it does.

Under this scheme, which will be free, those joining family in the UK will be granted leave for an initial period of at least 12 months. They will be able to work and access public funds.

We will make emergency changes to the Immigration Rules to create this route, which will be possible to access via existing rules using a bespoke application process from Friday 4th March. We are looking at whether it is possible to bring that date forward.

Eligible Family members who have already made applications under the existing family rules will be considered under the Ukrainian Family Scheme if they do not meet the family

rules. They will also have their application fee and any applicable Immigration Health Surcharge Payments refunded.

Secondly, we are opening a Ukrainian Sponsorship Humanitarian Visa Offer which will provide a route to the UK for Ukrainians who do not have family ties with the UK but who we will match with individuals, businesses, community organisations, or Local Authorities willing and able to act as a sponsor. Further information on this will be provided shortly by DLUHC.


From tomorrow (2nd March), there will be a dedicated walk-in surgery for MPs and caseworkers held in the Atrium in Portcullis House, led by Home Office staff. This will give you the opportunity to raise cases of concern directly with officials who will look to support you and your constituents. This service will be available from **10am to 5pm Monday-Friday**.

In addition to the surgery, you can email the usual MP Urgent Enquiries mailbox and your query will be responded to efficiently.

Finally, please see the [gov.uk webpage link](https://www.gov.uk) which sets out the policy announcements and further background.

I hope this letter is helpful in updating you on our approach to the crisis in Ukraine, ensuring the provision of support for those who need it, and making it easier for people to seek sanctuary in the UK. As I have made clear throughout, this is a fast-changing situation and we will iterate our response as events develop.

Yours ever

with our good wishes


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