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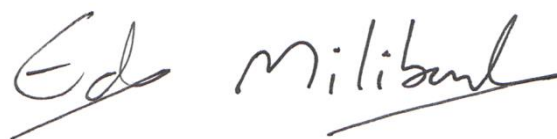
Message from Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP

I would like to send this message of support and thanks to the Islamic Unity Society (IUS) for coordinating the Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign (IHBDC). The work that you are doing, in partnership with the National Health Service, Blood and Transplant department is so important.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the high demand and pressure the NHS is under to have stocks of rarer blood groups. Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups are more likely to be carriers of rarer blood groups. IHBDC reaches out to the Muslim community across the UK to encourage blood donation, and the figures really do speak for themselves. Last year, there were over 450 successful donations in 14 cities across the country with 900 people registering already this year to be potential donors.

I know that this campaign will go from strength to strength and urge more people from minority ethnic backgrounds to come forward and donate or to contact the Islamic Unity Society for more information.

With very best wishes,



Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP
Leader of the Labour Party