

# MSF UK



TAKES ACTION

FOR

REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

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# History of the Take Action Group (TAG)

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Formed pursuant to a motion at to the 2016 General Assembly:

*We, the MSF UK Association commit to taking proactive action [on behalf of migrants and refugees]: supporting constant, targeted and well-structured lobbying and advocacy activities in the UK to further the motion passed at the 5th International General Assembly in 2015. This will be specific to the UK context, and in concert with the work of the MSF UK Executive and other MSF Associations in Europe.*

# Working with the executive

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## Points of Agreement

- Complementarity:
  - Focus on issues in the UK
  - Avoid crossing lines of communication with MSF executive
  - Find synergies, where possible.
- Communication
- Consultation

## Challenges

- Getting and sharing information
- Capitalising on MSF messaging

# Three broad streams of action

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To **educate, inform** and **mobilise** the Association

To take action **politically** and **socially** in the United Kingdom

To connect with the wider MSF association

# Educate and inform

3-4 Information sessions/year

- Barriers to accessing healthcare
- UK asylum system
- Data sharing
- Migration detention
- Mental health
- Human trafficking and modern slavery



# Mobilise

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Welcome Refugees march

Migrant rights demonstration

Talks about migration  
(universities, conferences, etc.)



# Mobilise

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- Online petitions and actions
- Petitions to government
- Letters and meetings with Members of Parliament, politicians
- Empowering association members to create a more humane and dignified narrative





# Working with networks:

## Entitlement to healthcare





# Working with networks: Ebola Medal Campaign





# Ebola workers' statement

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We were honoured with medals for crossing borders to treat patients overseas, representing the UK and the NHS. Now the charging regulations, introduced as part of the 'hostile environment' for migrants are creating borders between us and our patients at home, undermining the founding principles of the NHS and the right to health.



# Working with networks:



Health in Immigration Det

## Psychological first aid in detention

# Aspirations

## To work more effectively across borders





# Aspirations

## To work more effectively across Europe



Search & Rescue in the Mediterranean Sea



# Aspirations

## To work more effectively globally



# Brainstorm

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## 1 Engagement

- How do we engage association members globally?
- What are some common issues we can rally around?
- What can MSF do to help support this initiative?

## 2 Risks and risk mitigation

- What are the risks and how can they be mitigated?











# Questions?

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# Thank you!





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# Aspirations

## To work more effectively across Europe

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