

Visa letter guidance – from THET for IHLFS and HPS grant holders

The following is supplementary guidance regarding letters of support from health partnerships who are planning on applying for visas for short visits to the UK as part of their activities. These letters should be submitted with the other supporting documents required by the visa application.

The hosting UK health partnership's letter should include:

- The applicant's full name
- Applicant's date of birth
- Applicant's passport number
- Reason why applicant is being invited to the UK (e.g. for specialist training that will assist them in their home country), and under which scheme/programme, if applicable.
- Duration of stay
- Confirmation of who will be paying applicant's costs – flights, accommodation, personal expenses such as food.
- Confirmation that after the training or event, the applicant will be going back to their own country
- Contact point within the UK

The institution in the applicant's home country should state:

- Applicant's full name and date of birth
- Confirmation that the applicant is working at the hospital/clinic, and in which capacity
- Confirmation that the hospital/clinic is allowing the applicant leave of 'x' weeks to come to the UK for training/events
- The applicant is going to go back to work there after the training.
- Additionally, if the applicant does have a bank account, a recent bank statement showing normal transactions (for example, wage deposits, money going out for bills etc.) would also be useful.

Please note that if requested, THET will be able to provide a supporting letter that contextualises the visit into the wider health partnership movement. Please contact hps@thet.org with the health partnership and visit details for more information.

Additional comments from VISION 2020 Links Programme to this above document.

Please also note that the VISION 2020 Links Programme can provide a support letter to the planned visit. The important point to note here is the both link partner institutions need to write a letter of support for the trainee travelling.