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Dear Lady Wolfson,

I am writing to express my gratitude for being awarded a funded fellowship place on the Emerging Women Leaders' Programme 2020-21 with the Royal College of Physicians.

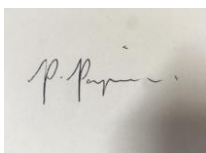
I am a Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Acute Medicine at London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust. The population that our Trust serves is ethnically diverse, and our communities were severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. I am a vaccine advocate and have reported on this in the local media (<https://www.mylondon.news/news/west-london-news/london-covid-londons-black-asian-196514040>) and published in BMJ Opinion (<https://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2021/06/24/trusted-messengers-are-key-to-encouraging-vaccine-uptake/>).

Women are under-represented in leading clinical research. Since starting the EWLP I am now the site principal investigator for a number of COVID-19 and tuberculosis clinical trials. I am a member of the writing group and co-chair of the Professional Expert Panel of the UK-REACH study (Understanding COVID-19 outcomes for ethnic minority healthcare workers). I am collaborating with researchers from University College London, Tohoku University in Japan and Royal Free London NHS Trust to investigate long COVID and we were awarded UCL-Tohoku University Strategic Partner Funds.

Leadership means inspiring the next generation. I am mentoring two young women who wish to study medicine through the organisations Migrant Leaders and Social Mobility Foundation. I am part of the faculty of the new European Diploma in HIV Medicine run by the European AIDS Clinical Society and have recently applied for a position on the British Thoracic Society MDR-TB Clinical Advice Service, to be an advocate for my patients at a national level.

I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in the Emerging Women Leaders' Programme and to gain mentorship and a network of supportive women committed to patient care and personal development.

With kind regards,



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