

Ms Vicky Ford MP
Minister of State (Minister for Development)
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
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Dear Minister,

LVIV AND UKRAINIAN CASUALTIES

On behalf of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), may I please seek your assistance further to a request for help from the Mayor of Lviv regarding medical help for victims of the military aggression in Ukraine.

LCCI is the capital's largest independent networking and business support organisation. We represent the interests of London businesses, enabling them to collaborate, creating thousands of connections and offering our members a comprehensive range of business services to see them prosper.

LCCI has decided to do all that it can to support Ukraine during this traumatic time for the country. We are working with the Cabinet Office, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Department for Work and Pensions to support Ukrainian refugees in London and to support businesses in Ukraine who are members of the Ukrainian Chambers of Commerce.

It is in this context that we have developed links with stakeholders in Ukraine and this has led the Mayor of Lviv to seek help to establish a much needed National Rehabilitation Centre in the city. With much of the war taking place in the south and east of the country, victims of this aggression are being treated in the relatively safe city of Lviv.

Since the war began, 5 million internally displaced persons have passed through Lviv of which 120,000 of these people have remained in the city. The Mayor of Lviv's office expects that up to 100,000 people may need medical help in respect of loss of limbs, severe burns and mental health issues. Many of these people will be treated in Lviv.

Lviv City Council have therefore decided to establish the National Rehabilitation Centre which will involve the conversion of existing buildings to enable the construction of surgical facilities as well as housing for the patients who have been forced to flee their homes to live near the hospital whilst treatment is ongoing.

May we please request whether the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office could provide some support and assistance to this project. We recognise the work of FCDO professionals to respond to disasters around the world. We believe that this project will be a critical part of our country's work to support Ukraine at this traumatic time.

May we propose that your Department contact Andriy Moskalenko, First Deputy Mayor of Lviv to discuss this matter further at Moskalenko.Andrii@lvivcity.gov.ua

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burge', written in a cursive style.

Richard Burge
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cc HE Melinda Simmons, United Kingdom Ambassador to the United Kingdom

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