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CSP BAME Network Public Statement

In light of the recent unrest that has targeted our BAME communities across the UK, the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) BAME Network extends our deepest gratitude to everyone who joined the anti-racist protests. Your presence on the streets, your voices raised together, and your unwavering support have sent a powerful and unequivocal message: we stand united against racism and injustice.

These riots, fuelled by misinformation and hatred, have brought to the forefront issues that our communities have endured for far too long. While the public eye has only recently turned to these injustices, we have been fighting this battle for years. The pain, fear, and anger that have surfaced are not new, but the solidarity and support shown by allies from all walks of life have given us renewed strength and hope.

To our allies, your bravery and support have been invaluable. Standing with us in solidarity, you have shown that together, we can confront and dismantle the structures of racism and bigotry. Your actions have demonstrated that this fight is not just ours but a collective struggle for a just and equitable society.

The CSP BAME Network is committed to providing ongoing pastoral support to those affected by these events. We understand the emotional and psychological toll that these riots have taken on our community members, and we are here to offer assistance and solidarity. Whether you need someone to talk to, resources for mental health support, or guidance on how to navigate these challenging times, our network is here for you.

This is a pivotal moment in our history, one that demands our collective action and unwavering commitment to justice. Let us continue to stand together, to lift each other up, and to fight for a future where everyone, regardless of their race or background, can live without fear of discrimination or violence.

#BeAnAlly #TogetherWeAreStronger

With heartfelt thanks and solidarity,

Jay Gandhi (Vice-Chair)
On behalf of
CSP BAME Network