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Dear Mr Griffin,

Thank you for your letter of 17 August to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary about the safety and protection of immigration practitioners. Your letter has been forwarded to the Direct Communications Unit at the Home Office for a reply.

The independent legal profession plays a vital role in ensuring the proper functioning of our justice system and the professional excellence of our legal services is something of which we should all be proud.

The Home Office remains absolutely committed to ensuring those who need it have full access to legal advice and the justice system. We remain committed to providing protection to asylum seekers and would never demonise people coming to this country in pursuit of a better life.

I hope you will understand that we cannot comment on the media coverage of the refugee situation. If you wish to raise concerns about the media, information is available on the website of the Independent Press Standards Organisation at:  
<https://www.ipso.co.uk/complain/>.

Finally, we would like to assure you that the comments made in your letter have been noted. The Home Office recognises just how emotive the topic of asylum and immigration is and we regularly review the language that is being used and consider all feedback and comments in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

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