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Since I wrote to you last Tuesday about the effect that the situation in Afghanistan is having on some offices, we have been speaking to your colleagues and MP staff about what practical support IPSA can offer to those who have been impacted the most.

Our discussions have highlighted that staffing budget issues are the most common concern. IPSA will therefore be considering applications for exceptional funding due to the Afghanistan situation, and details on how to apply for this funding are attached. Please send the below form to info@theipsa.org.uk.

Download Contingency Application Form Here

Please note that if the additional staffing budget provided this year due to the pandemic has not yet been used, then this will need to be used first to cover any Afghanistan related expenditure. It may have become known as the Covid Uplift, but it is not ringfenced to covid issues – it can be used for any permissible staffing expenditure.

I appreciate all the feedback we have been given about workload more

generally and this will be considered this autumn when we prepare the proposed budgets for next financial year.

Ian Todd
Chief Executive