

27 May 2015

Dear colleague,

**Celebration of SS Windrush and Diversity in the NHS**

Date: 17 June

Time: 1700-1900

Venue: St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH.

You are invited to join us for a celebration of the passengers of the SS Empire Windrush and their contribution and legacy to the NHS workforce that we have today. Sam King, survivor of the Windrush, will be our special guest.

The arrival of the Windrush helped to mark a new chapter in both the birth of our NHS and the growth of multicultural Britain. However seven decades later our black and ethnic minorities are still under-represented at senior levels in the NHS workforce. We hope this event will also provide us with an opportunity to examine the challenges we currently face to address this, as well as highlighting the progress that we are making on this important agenda.

We hope that you can join us.

RSVP to: <http://www.events.england.nhs.uk/nhs-england/588>

Yours sincerely,



**Simon Stevens**

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Chair, Equality and Diversity Council