

British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) was founded in 1996 and later formally launched by the then Minister for Health in the British Government. Its main aim was to support doctors arriving from India to work in the NHS. This year, BAPIO celebrates its 20th Anniversary to showcase its commitment to the NHS in providing the best patient care. By promoting professional excellence and leadership, BAPIO adds value to the efforts of the HEE, GMC and educational authorities in enhancing the skills of the medical workforce.

- Influencing the policy maker, monitoring and regulatory agencies for improving experiences of the workforce, this includes; the general Medical Council, Care Quality Commission, Health Education England and various Royal Colleges.
- In 2010, established a unique project – ‘Medical Defence Shield’, to provide access to professional advice and representation support in matters concerning employment contracts, Professional Disciplinary and negligence liabilities for the doctors.
- In 2015, BAPIO Training Academy (BTA) was launched. BTA facilitates a ‘Fellowship’ programme that provided opportunity for the doctors from Indian and other developing countries to enhance their skills and experiences in busy NHS hospitals before returning their own countries.

Since its inception BAPIO has actively promoted the principle of diversity and equality. Over the years, the Association has grown in stature and influence. We are represented through our active Divisions covering all the English Regions as well as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is now one of the largest organisations of its type in the country. BAPIO also contributes to the cause of promoting access to better health care globally, and engages with the Health care sector of India in the knowledge and skills share exercises.