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Specialist Recruiter, Healthier Recruitment, is celebrating today's announcement that NHS doctors and nurses will be excluded from 'unfathomable' restrictions to the number of Tier 2 visas offered to skilled workers outside the EEA.

It was recently reported that 2,630 of 3,599 Tier 2 visa applications submitted by non-EU doctors were refused in the five-month period to April 2018. This was despite widespread and severe staff shortages across the NHS.

Michael Johnson-Ellis, Managing Director at Healthier Recruitment, comments:

"It is unfathomable that NHS Trusts are desperately crying out for permanent specialist staff while healthcare professionals who are qualified and willing to fill open vacancies are being told they are not welcome.

"As an organisation which is on the front line of recruitment into the NHS, we understand the challenges that many Trusts are facing to recruit the skills they need to give patients the service they deserve and maintain patient safety.

Not only for roles in niche sectors such clinical radiology, emergency medicine and radiography, but also in terms of general nurses.

"While there is, of course, a place for agency staff, for too long all gaps have been habitually filled by temporary workers to the detriment of continuity of care. And, with the NMC register recording a significant fall in the number of EU nurses since the referendum, something most definitely had to give."

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