

## E-mail template

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Subject: Immunology and Brexit

Dear **[insert MPs name]**,

I am one of your constituents. I am also an immunologist and **[insert job title/institutional information/working background]**.

I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss with you in person the issue of immunology, Brexit, and how we can build successful future scientific interactions as we leave the EU.

Most of our laboratories and research groups depend on freedom of movement and international talent for success. Nevertheless, we believe that, with certain commitments, it is possible to find a positive way forward. I attach briefing from the British Society for Immunology, of which I am a member. It sets out concisely the key facts and priorities and explains why they are important.

As a nation we are world -leading in our immunological research and rank first for the quality of our research in infection and immunology in the G7. This remarkable pre-eminence has been built up over many years of global scientific collaboration and information exchange. We have gained a lot more from EU science funding than we have contributed as a nation, and stand to lose a lot of grant income as we leave the EU. Funds translate directly into discoveries and discovery drives science.

The strength of our immunological science is also an asset we are able to project to attract the best and the brightest minds from around the world, including many Nobel Prize winners. Membership of the EU has greatly facilitated these international links. Brexit will present many problems for the global scientific community, including immunologists.

I would like to meet with you to discuss this issue because immunological research is vital in so many important areas of the medical sciences: vaccination, cancer, autoimmune diseases, allergies, and new diagnostic tests. Immunology is also a key foundation of the development of the next generation of therapies by the life sciences industry.

I am determined to promote and pursue a positive vision for immunology in what will likely be a challenging new landscape for science post-Brexit. Please contact me on **[enter email address]** at your earliest convenience so that we can speak about this vital issue.

Yours sincerely,

**[enter your name and home address]**