

ISLAMOPHOBIA: HEALTH CARE

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The NHS is the fifth largest employer in the world and it is estimated that just under 10% of the doctors in the NHS are Muslim.^[1] Yet, behind the scenes, there lies an urgent matter that requires attention: Islamophobia within healthcare environments.^[2]

A Muslim Doctors Association (MDA) report^[3] found that:

Almost **4 in 10 Muslim Healthcare Professionals (HCPs)** had received verbal abuse from colleagues around their faith.^[3]



Almost **8 in 10** experienced negative assumptions related to their religion.

Approximately **half have been impacted** by organisational bias, discrimination, and minority stress.



Almost **9 in 10 do not know Muslims** in leadership and management positions.

1 in 5 felt that they had been passed over for promotion **due to their religion**.



1. [1] <https://bhma.org/faith-discrimination-in-the-nhs-multiple-penalties-facing-muslim-doctors/>

2. [1] <https://britishima.org/islamophobia-in-healthcare/>

3. [1] Muslim Doctors Association & The Grey Area (2021). Excluded on the front line: Discrimination, Racism and Islamophobia in the NHS