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The EU Settled Status scheme deadline is looming. Tens of thousands of vulnerable people face being criminalised overnight.

The Home Office must #ScrapTheDeadline & ensure no one loses status. Please chip in https://t.co/0FydGTuDHx

Our case [thread]

2/ The deadline on the EU Settled Status scheme is a cliff edge. Overnight, tens of thousands of people could be criminalised just for living their lives and will face the full horrors of the hostile environment. #ScrapTheDeadline

3/ People who are already vulnerable are at highest risk of getting left out. The risks are well documented. E.g. This paper by @MigObs explains how victims of abuse and exploitation, and people who are isolated are at highest risk: https://t.co/m9egJFwwFi

4/ Other organisations have sounded the alarm on other discriminatory impacts. @npcthinks found that "female EU migrants are at greater risk of failing to access their settled status than male EU migrants" https://t.co/2owPFTyZ1o …

5/ …while @coram set out the risks of the EU Settlement scheme for children, especially looked-after children https://t.co/n4WAgWhF0J and @gmiau researched into barriers for looked-after children https://t.co/MoUob9oAOM...

6/ @RomaSupport research in June 2020 highlighted "substantial barriers to Roma people gaining knowledge of and access to this system" https://t.co/Go96tysNvY

7/@publiclawprojct also warned that the EU Settled Status scheme has prioritised speed at the expense of important legal safeguards https://t.co/LyU9ViYMD5 People who are already marginalised are likely to be less able to fight their corner when the Home Office gets it wrong.

8/ The Home Office is ignoring evidence that shows vulnerable people are more likely to be left behind and is pressing ahead with a scheme that will criminalise innocent people. This is the same attitude that led to the Windrush scandal.

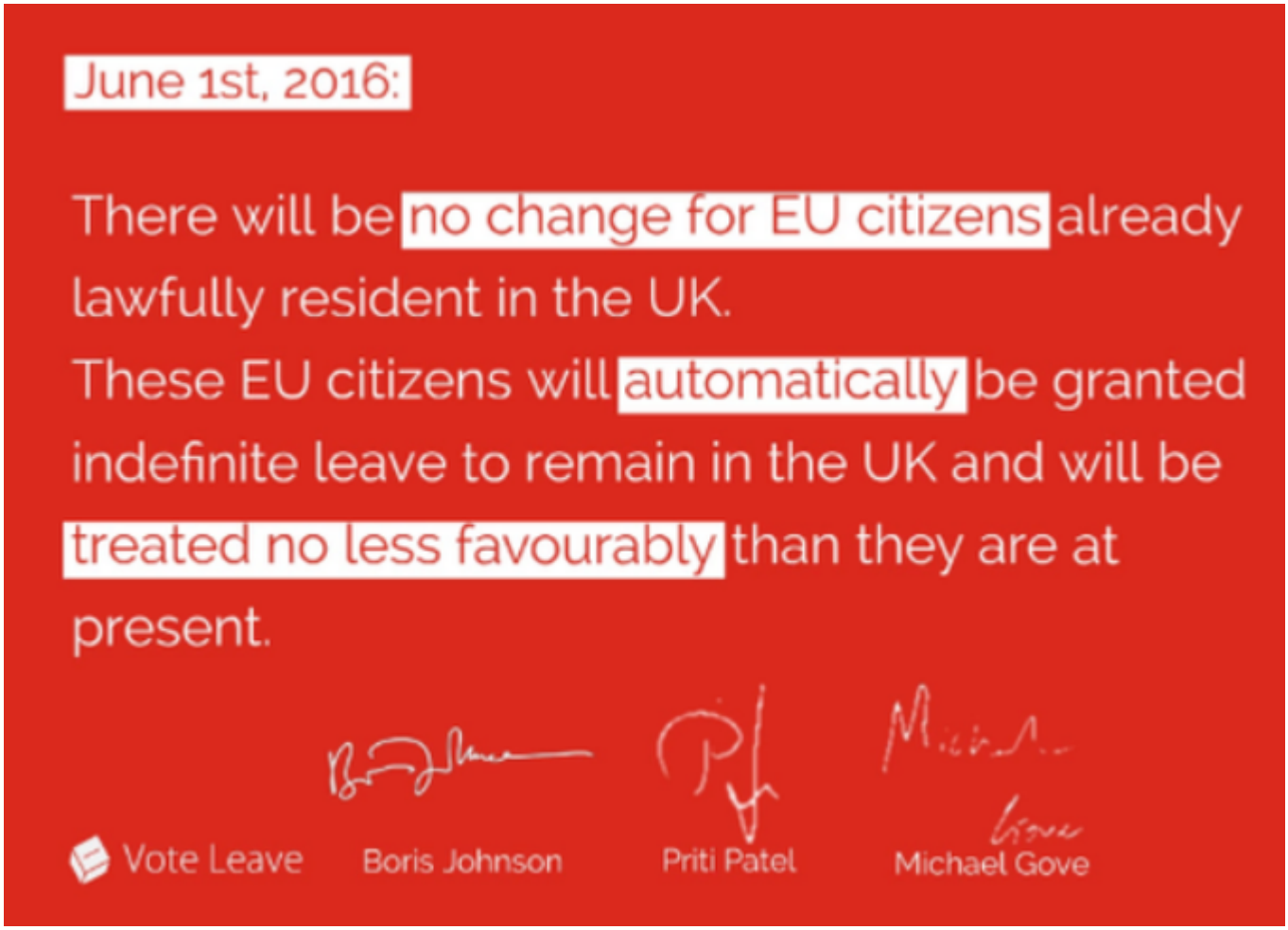
9/ It took a 12-month battle to get the Home Office to share its Policy Equality Statement - its assessment of the risks of discrimination in the scheme.

But no wonder they wanted to keep it secret - they missed out major, well-documented risks - https://t.co/Bg4nT6F4EV

10/ The Home Office isn't even collecting data on who's applying, so it can assess whether marginalised groups are struggling to access the scheme. Without this basic information, how can it know who's missing, or take steps to fix that?

11/ We believe the Home Secretary is acting unlawfully. The deadline is a cliff edge, with huge consequences for missing it creates a risk. The risk is greatest for those who struggle to access the scheme – people who are already marginalised.

12/ Fixing this means granting all EEA nationals & their families automatic Settled Status – exactly what was promised in 2016.



13/ Without that fix, the Home Secretary must #ScrapTheDeadline for applications, start monitoring who's losing out, & proactively help those people secure status.

Campaigners have asked nicely but the Home Office won't listen.

Help take this to court
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