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# Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 6 July 2021

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# **New EDMs**

### 286 First anniversary of Bow Crane collapse

#### **Apsana Begum**

That this House notes with deepest regret that 8 July 2021 marks the tragic death of June Harvey after a tower crane fell on her house in Bow in 2020; further notes with sadness other fatalities as a result of crane collapses; pays tribute to the construction safety campaign, largely led by bereaved relatives and trade unions, raising concerns about the under-regulation of health and safety in the construction industry amidst a reduction in inspections and reductions in the Health and Safety Executive's resources, particularly since 2010; and calls on the Government to ensure that legislation and guidance regulating cranes are robust and that the HSE has the resources for vigorous enforcement.

# 287 March for Dignity - Tbilisi Pride 2021

#### **Martin Docherty-Hughes**

That this House is saddened and disappointed to note the cancellation of the recent March for Dignity Tbilisi Pride event after a violent counter demonstration; condemns the actions of Georgian authorities which allowed a mob to break in and ransack the offices of the organisers; notes with concern that 53 journalists were among the hundreds injured in the violence around the city; further notes that protecting minorities, and free and fair expression is a cornerstone of liberal democracy, and one which is enshrined in Georgia's Constitution; gratefully acknowledges the joint letter issued by more than 20 Embassies and delegations in Tbilisi including that of the UK condemning the violence; supports their contention that those responsible for the violence should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; notes that Georgia is one of the most ancient nations in

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the world, and that LGBT+ Georgians have existed as long as the nation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Georgians and their allies; and offers its support to their continued in the future.

# 288 Townhill Primary School and Fernhill School Green Flag award

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 1

#### **Margaret Ferrier**

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That this House congratulates Townhill Primary School in Hamilton and Fernhill School in Rutherglen on their receipt of the Eco-Schools Green Flag award; notes that the award recognises outstanding effort in environmental awareness and action on climate change; recognises the commitment of the schools to the Eco-Schools Scotland programme and their work in engaging their local community in environmental activism; acknowledges this has included programmes where pupils made bird boxes, carried out community litter picks, talked about litter issues in school assemblies, and created an outdoor classroom area; and commends the pupils and staff of those two schools on this significant achievement.

# 289 Aberdeen FC Women's Premier League 2 title

Tabled: 6/07/21 Signatories: 1

#### Stephen Flynn

That this House congratulates Aberdeen FC Women on their historic Scottish Women's Premier League 2 title; applauds all players for their outstanding performances in securing qualification for SWPL 1; notes that the team secured the title on 27 June 2021 at the Regional Performance Centre in Dundee; commends the manager Emma Hunter for leading the team to remarkable success; and wishes the team every success in the Scottish Women's Premier League 1 next season.

# **Added Names**

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

#### 231 Rise of anti-Indian racism

Tabled: 22/06/21 Signatories: 40

Navendu Mishra Kim Johnson Barry Gardiner Mr Virendra Sharma Paula Barker Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Martyn Day

That this House welcomes the contributions of Indians to British society; condemns the racism they face on a daily basis; calls on key institutions to urgently address this type of prejudice; recognises the 1.3 million Indians who fought for Britain during WWI and have contributed greatly to all levels of society over the past century; pays tribute to the thousands of British Indians who work in the NHS and have served the nation tirelessly throughout the covid-19 outbreak; acknowledges research by The 1928 Institute which revealed that 80 per cent of British Indians have faced prejudice

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because of their Indian identity, with Hinduphobia the most prevalent; abhors the use of dog whistle language including the widespread use of phrases, such as Indian variant, which proliferates anti-Indian racism on social media and in wider society; and calls on the Government to take steps to urgently address this worrying rise.

# 239 Local government workers pay rise

Navendu Mishra Grahame Morris Kate Osborne Claudia Webbe Paula Barker Ian Mearns

Tony Lloyd

That this House is appalled by the 1.5 per cent pay increase offered to local government workers, which amounts to as little as £1.03 per day for some workers and is in real terms a pay cut; applauds the incredible effort those workers have made during the covid-19 pandemic, continuing to deliver frontline services and to keep their communities running while many other workplaces have shut down; notes that those workers have already faced 10 years' worth of real-terms pay cuts and increased workloads as a result of the Government's policies of austerity; insists that the joint trade union claim for a 10 per cent pay rise for local government workers is justified and necessary; and calls on the Local Government Association and local government employers to negotiate in good faith with the joint trade unions to give local government workers the pay rise they deserve.

#### 250 Welfare support for terminally ill people

Drew Hendry Andrew Gwynne Jim Shannon Claudia Webbe Marion Fellows Joanna Cherry

Navendu Mishra

That this House notes that Marie Curie and the Motor Neurone Disease Association estimate that more than 6,000 people have died waiting for a decision on their benefits claim since the Department for Work and Pensions announced its review of the benefits system for terminally ill people and the Special Rules for Terminal Illness scheme in 2019; further notes that that review has yet to be published despite the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Terminal Illness's inquiry report of 2019 revealing that the six-month rule leaves terminally ill people facing devastating and farreaching financial hardship and crippling debt; and calls on the Government to urgently publish its report into how the benefits system treats terminally ill people and bring forward proposals to end that punitive six-month rule without further delay.

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# 254 Rett UK and Rett Syndrome Awareness

Tabled: 28/06/21 Signatories: 23

Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Brendan O'Hara
Dr Philippa Whitford
Joanna Cherry

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends Rett UK for the invaluable work they do as the only specialist charity in the UK to provide professional family support, information and advice to those affected by Rett Syndrome; recognises the need for greater awareness of Rett Syndrome as a rare neurological condition that impacts one in 10,000 girls born each year; notes their vision that everyone with Rett syndrome should be given every possible opportunity to achieve their individual potential so that they may live their life to the full; and further commends all of their staff on their excellent work, particularly in their increased service support during the covid-19 outbreak and wishes them well for the future.

# 260 Kingsway Community Connections

Carol Monaghan Allan Dorans Marion Fellows Jim Shannon Chris Law

John Nicolson

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates Kingsway Community Connections in the Glasgow North West constituency on their recent elections, rebranding and restructure; notes that Kingsway Community Connections have continued to develop their vital anchor organisation during the covid-19 outbreak; further notes that the appointment of a new managing director, chair and board of directors shows the organisation's commitment to improving the lives of their diverse community; and celebrates that the organisation's vision of bringing a proud, capable and confident multicultural community to life looks stronger than ever.

# 262 UK citizenship charges

John Nicolson Allan Dorans Navendu Mishra Kim Johnson Paula Barker Jonathan Edwards

**Alison Thewliss** 

That this House regrets the extortionate charges for people wanting to gain citizenship to the UK; highlights that the fees are much higher than European neighbours and international allies; further

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highlights the exceptional social and economic benefit that immigrants contribute to the UK; and, finally, urges the Government to lower that cost to encourage immigration in a post-Brexit world.

# 263 Effect of ending the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme on levels of poverty

David Linden
Allan Dorans
Kim Johnson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon

**Chris Law** 

Alison Thewliss

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, that she will be graciously pleased to direct Ministers to lay before this House, not later than 5.00pm on Thursday 1 July, all papers and correspondence compiled by the Department of Work and Pensions relating to an analysis of terminating the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the impact on levels of poverty.

# 264 Families of children with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 22

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Owen Thompson
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alan Brown
Patricia Gibson

Alison Thewliss

That this House recognises the challenges faced by parents of children with unique or extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders in receiving tailored medical care and locating support groups specific to their situation, as well as in being able to know what to expect or gauge against; commends the work of Unique, whose database helps to track down and pair families with extremely rare chromosome and gene disorders; notes that Unique was founded in 1984 by Edna Knight after two of her four daughters were born with a rare chromosomal disorder; and welcomes significant progress in recent years in helping families overcome diagnostic obstacles through DNA sequencing.

# 265 Co-operative businesses 250 years after Robert Owen

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 5

Geraint Davies
Jim Shannon
Jonathan Edwards
Dan Jarvis
Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that the UK co-operative movement has grown to a combined annual turnover of £38.2 billion and has increased by £340 million in the last year; notes that over

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7,000 independent co-operatives in the UK are owned by over 14 million members and 241,714 employees; recognises the contribution of the co-operative sector in response to the national effort against the effects of the coronavirus pandemic; further recognises the role co-operatives can play in rebuilding the economy in the aftermath of the covid-19 crisis; notes that Co-operatives Fortnight takes place from 21 June until 4 July 2021; recognises that 2021 marks 250 years since the birth of Robert Owen and notes his contribution and legacy as the father of co-operation; and urges the Government to take steps to increase the size of the co-operative sector.

#### 266 Sarcoma UK and Sarcoma Awareness Month 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 37

Marion Fellows Dr Philippa Whitford Kirsten Oswald David Linden Patricia Gibson Jim Shannon

Alison Thewliss

Peter Grant

That this House recognises Sarcoma Awareness Month from 1 to 31 July, and its importance in spreading awareness of Sarcoma as an uncommon and fast-spreading cancer; acknowledges the necessity of early, fast and accurate diagnosis for the 5,300 people diagnosed with the disease annually in the UK; recognises the hard work of carers, NHS and Hospice staff for all they do to support patients; commends the charity Sarcoma UK for its excellent work in providing essential information, support and advocacy for those diagnosed with Sarcoma and their families; and further commends the staff at Sarcoma UK for continuing to advocate for Sarcoma patients to have access to the best physical and psychological care possible.

#### 268 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2021

Tabled: 30/06/21 Signatories: 13

Margaret Ferrier Jim Shannon Andrew Gwynne Patricia Gibson Kenny MacAskill Wera Hobhouse

Alison Thewliss

That this House notes that from 4 to 11 July 2021, the UK will mark Srebrenica Memorial Week with commemorations taking place in hundreds of schools, local authorities, places of worship, community centres, and police forces to name but a few, all of which bring the nation together in powerful acts of remembrance to mark the 26th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide; further notes the theme for this year is Rebuilding Lives, which will enable individuals to gain an insight into the challenges that those who survive genocide and ethnic cleansing face and how they have been able to overcome these challenges whilst encouraging others to think about our own responsibility in ensuring that prejudice does not take root in our communities; recognises the courage of the survivors who continue to be a source of inspiration, and who despite experiencing the very worst of humanity, have shown great strength and determination to rebuild their lives; and commends the work done by the charity Remembering Srebrenica who since 2013 have educated 130,000 young people on the lessons from Srebrenica, enabled over 1,800 community actions to take place

right across the country each year, and have created 1,450 Community Champions who pledge to stand up to hatred and intolerance in their communities.

#### 269 International School Aberdeen, showing racism the red card

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 9

Stephen Flynn John Nicolson Marion Fellows Allan Dorans Jonathan Edwards Amy Callaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates pupils from the International School Aberdeen on being selected as finalists in 2021's Show Racism the Red Card Creative Competition; notes that over 1,500 young people from across Scotland took part, creatively expressing their messages of inclusion with some fantastic artwork, poetry, creative writing, t-shirt designs, music and short films; acknowledges that the competition encourages children to develop a piece of creative work that gets across a clear message of anti-racism and the positive impact this can have on the attitudes of young people, and wider society; and praises the continuous work of Show Racism the Red Card in Scotland in encouraging and educating young people to respect each other.

#### 271 Levenmouth, Fife, Climate Beacon for COP26

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 9

Peter Grant John Nicolson Marion Fellows Allan Dorans Pete Wishart Amy Callaghan

Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates The Leven Programme, ONFife and Levenmouth Academy, alongside other local organisations, in becoming Fife's Climate Beacon and bringing arts and science together to raise public engagement on Climate Change; recognises the role of the Scottish Government's Climate Change and Culture Divisions, Creative Scotland and Museum Galleries Scotland in providing funding and expertise for the project which will see these organisations coming together to inspire positive action on climate change across Fife and the whole of Scotland in the run up to and beyond the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26); commends the important role this will play in sharing stories of the proud industrial heritage of Fife and to show the world how Scotland and our communities can transform to a resilient low carbon community for the future; highlights the pioneering aspect of the project to ensure that negotiations from COP26 will be linked back to our communities and felt not only in Glasgow but across the whole country; thanks all of the individuals involved with this programme; and encourages the public to get involved and consider how they too can make a positive impact on climate change.

# 272 Rose Duncan, Collydean Community Centre

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 7

Peter Grant John Nicolson Marion Fellows Allan Dorans Pete Wishart Chris Law

Alison Thewliss

That this House commends the work of Rose Duncan, Manager of Collydean Community Centre for the last two and a half years; highlights the vital work of Rose and the many volunteers during the covid-19 outbreak whereby they supported vulnerable people in the North Glenrothes area by extending a hand of friendship and ensuring that the most vulnerable were able to receive supplies to their homes; thanks her and the team for their work on various other projects such as the Community Larder, their Detached Youth Work with young people and their work on getting Senior Citizens online access; recognises the vital role that Rose has played in taking the Community Centre to the next level in ensuring it is accessible to all and in becoming an integral part of the local community where people are at the heart of everything they do; further thanks Rose for being such an inspiration to the community and beyond; and wishes Rose all the best in her future endeavours.

#### 273 Service reductions at the British Council

Tabled: 1/07/21 Signatories: 19

Chris Stephens Wera Hobhouse John Nicolson Marion Fellows Allan Dorans Stephen Farry

Alison Thewliss Christine Jardine Tim Farron

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House acknowledges the vital role of the British Council in promoting education, training and language across the globe; notes that it was created in 1934 to improve global cultural relations and social mobility and currently works with over 100 countries worldwide changing the lives of millions and helping people to understand other cultures as well as promoting British values; is aware that the British Council employs over 11,000 people across the world with over 1000 being UK based staff; is further aware that ordinarily the British Council generates 85 per cent of its income through teaching and examinations but has faced major difficulties due to the covid-19 pandemic; further notes that in 2020 thanks to the campaigning efforts of the PCS Union and other supportive organisations and individuals, additional money was secured from Government to see the organisations through its financial difficulties; is concerned that the loans provided as well as emergency funding has come with stringent and detrimental conditions determined by the FCDO including the sale of a section of its commercial business in India, a restructure resulting in a 15 to 20 per cent cut to staffing and estates related to the organisation potentially resulting in the loss of around 2000 skilled and vital jobs; and therefore calls on the FCDO to halt the redundancy process and support the British Council in future strategic and detailed planning which retains jobs and the valued reputation of the organisation across the world.

# 274 Importance of youth work

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 5

Lloyd Russell-Moyle Navendu Mishra Paula Barker Ian Lavery Mick Whitley

That this House notes the incredible work and dedication of youth workers across the UK who have been supporting young people throughout this pandemic when all other support networks have been closed or have been inaccessible; further notes the decision by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to recognise youth workers as key workers in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; notes that youth work is a degree entry profession and that the JNC agreement states that all professional youth workers must have a degree or equivalent qualification; recognises that youth workers have faced real-terms pay cuts of as much as 24 per cent over the past 10 years; believes that all young people across the UK should have access to a statutory funded, wide-ranging and universal youth service with ring-fenced funding from central Government which is delivered by local authorities working closely with schools and youth voluntary organisations; and further believes that the joint trade union claim for youth worker to receive a 10 per cent pay rise plus an improvement in work-life balance would deliver real improvements to the well-being of staff, and consequently to the quality of youth services provided.

# 275 Hawkhill Community Centre

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 2

John Nicolson Marion Fellows

That this House recognises the hard work of the volunteers at the Hawkhill Community Centre; commends their unflappable determination to give a lifeline to people who need it in Clackmannanshire; and finally thanks Centre Manager, Sandra Clements for her leadership and ambition in developing the Community Centre going forward.

#### 276 Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 3

John Nicolson Marion Fellows Alison Thewliss

That this House congratulates the Perth and Kinross Schools' Percussion Ensemble for their recent second place (gold) result in the Whitburn Band Virtual Festival, in the Youth/Percussion category; recognises the importance to young people's lives that music can play, particularly in the context of bands and orchestras; and wishes these talented young performers every success in the future.

#### 277 Growth in employee-owned businesses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 4

Douglas Chapman Marion Fellows Alison Thewliss Jonathan Edwards

That this House welcomes the growth in Scotland of employee-owned Scottish companies; and supports the Scottish Government's target of having 500 employee-owned businesses by 2030 to help maintain a strong and resilient commercial sector in Scotland, where being an employee-owned enterprise is seen as a positive option to enhance skills, productivity and company revenues.

# Open Doors' report entitled Destructive Lies, and religious minorities in India

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 6

Brendan O'Hara Marion Fellows Alison Thewliss Jonathan Edwards John Spellar Patricia Gibson

That this House notes with grave concern the contents of Destructive Lies, the recently published report from the Christian charity Open Doors, based on work done by a research team from the London School of Economics, which concludes that due to a sharp rise in extreme Hindu religious nationalism, Christians, Muslims and other religious minorities in India are living in an atmosphere of deep trauma, fear and anxiety; is alarmed to learn that religious minorities in India are suffering systematic persecution and are, in the words of the report, facing an existential threat due to the increasing instances of beatings and murders carried out by extremists mobs, whose crimes all too often go unpunished by the police and local courts; is deeply saddened that as a result, India is now ranked 10th in the world on the Open Doors Watch List of where it is the most dangerous place to be a Christian; notes that since the start of the covid-19 pandemic, religious persecution has significantly worsened amid false accusations that Christians and Muslims have deliberately spread the virus, accusations are repeated and amplified on several social-media platforms; demands that social media companies do more to ensure that such dangerous and harmful content is immediately removed; and calls on the UK Government to raise the plight of Indian religious minorities with the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the High Commissioner as a matter of urgency.

#### 280 ISS workers at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 10

John McDonnell Mick Whitley Jonathan Edwards Beth Winter Navendu Mishra Paula Barker

Kim Johnson Allan Dorans Ian Lavery

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck

That this House believes that all workers in Government buildings deserve to be paid fairly and treated with respect and dignity at work; regrets that, all too often, people employed in roles

outsourced to private contractors face a struggle to defend their basic pay, terms and conditions at work in comparison to their centrally contracted colleagues; notes that such workers are more likely to be female or to come from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds; further notes that support staff working for ISS on Government Property Agency contracts at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy seek improved pay and conditions, the agreement of a protocol on covid-19 health and safety, agreed bonus payments for working through the covid-19 lockdown, the restoration of annual leave entitlements deducted unilaterally and to avoid redundancies; is disappointed that ISS management have failed to respond to these reasonable proposals; and gives support and solidarity to PCS members left with no choice other than to ballot for industrial action.

# 281 Award of George Cross for the NHS

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 2

#### Jim Shannon Sir Mike Penning

That this House welcomes the wonderful decision of Her Majesty the Queen to grant the NHS the highest gallantry award for civilians in the form of the George Cross which is an acknowledgement for acts of the greatest heroism or for most conspicuous courage in circumstance of extreme danger; notes the only two other collective designations have been to the Island of Malta in 1942 and to the men and women who served in the Royal Ulster Constabulary in 1999; joins with her Majesty in thanking the NHS on their 73rd anniversary for supporting the people of the UK with courage, compassion and dedication, demonstrating the highest standards of public service; and offers sincere and heartfelt thanks to every member of that incredible world-class NHS team both past and present.

#### 282 Incoming Iranian President and human rights abuses

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 2

#### Jim Shannon Alison Thewliss

That this House expresses concern about the selection of known human rights abuser Ebrahim Raisi as President of Iran; notes that he was elected with the lowest turnout in the history of the Islamic Republic in an election marred by undemocratic processes and where moderates were barred from standing; further notes with extreme concern Raisi's role in a death commission, which forcibly disappeared and extrajudicially executed in secret thousands of political dissidents; recognises the increasing restrictions placed on those practicing minority faiths and beliefs in Iran, including Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Bahaism and the Sunni branch of Islam; is alarmed by reports of a forced exodus of the Christian community and the warnings of Release International that the persecution of Christians in the country is set to intensify following Raisi's election; echoes Amnesty International's call for Raisi to be investigated for crimes against humanity; calls on the Iranian government to repeal its blasphemy laws, which specify that blasphemy can be punished by death for men; and further calls on the Iranian government to release all prisoners held for demonstrating their peacefully-held beliefs and urges the it to allow its citizens' full religious freedom, including the removal of restrictions that prevent Iranians from choosing their own faith.

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# 283 Homophobic attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 5

Layla Moran Alison Thewliss Jonathan Edwards Sir Mike Penning Andrew Gwynne

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That this House strongly condemns the attacks on LGBTQ+ campaigners in Tbilisi; expresses its regret that the Tbilisi Pride march has had to be called off as a result; expresses concern for the safety of LGBTQ+ campaigners and other community members, as well as those journalists who were attacked; calls on the Government to condemn the words of Georgian Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili that the march was not reasonable; further calls on the Government to further promote and uphold LGBTQ+ rights and all other human rights worldwide; and resolves that the right to protest must be upheld in all parts of the world.

# 284 Hassan Mushaima and political prisoners detained in Bahrain

Tabled: 5/07/21 Signatories: 5

Andy Slaughter Alison Thewliss Jonathan Edwards Kenny MacAskill Andrew Gwynne

That this House is deeply concerned by the decade-long detention of 73-year-old Hassan Mushaima in Bahrain who was sentenced to life imprisonment for his peaceful role as a political opposition leader in 2011; decries that Mushaima was brutally tortured, subjected to protracted medical negligence and that his condition continues to severely deteriorate; profoundly regrets that since April 2021 two political prisoners and Jau Prison inmates, Husain Barakat and Abbas Malallah, died at Jau Prison; emphasises that Jau Prison authorities' failure to prevent covid-19 outbreaks amongst inmates puts the lives of vulnerable prisoners like Mushaima at serious risk; notes that the European Parliament recently called for the release of Mushaima and others; is concerned that the UK Ambassador to Bahrain recently praised Jau Prison as a well-run facility with good medical provision despite the UN, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy expressing concern at authorities persistent failure to provide adequate medical care in Bahrain's prisons; unreservedly condemns Bahraini authorities' perpetration of systematic medical negligence against vulnerable prisoners; further condemns false assurances provided to this House by the UK Government regarding the provision of medical care to political prisoners in Bahrain; and calls on the Government to use all available leverage to press Bahrain for the immediate and unconditional release of all Bahraini political prisoners detained solely for peacefully exercising their right to free expression, association and assembly, with particular reference to political leaders with heightened vulnerability to novid-19, namely Hassan Mushaima, Abduljalil Al-Singace and Abdulwahab Husain.