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New EDMs

251 Draft Mental Health Bill

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House welcomes the publication of the Draft Mental Health Bill; applauds the aim to ensure appropriate care for people with serious mental illness within the criminal justice system, better meet the needs of people with a learning disability to include those with autistic spectrum condition, give people greater control over their treatment, especially those from ethnic minority backgrounds who are disproportionately detained under the provisions of the current Act and to provide funding to enable local communities to explore alternatives to hospital admission for people experiencing a mental health crisis; further understands that despite the Government's public call for evidence to support the development of a new cross-Government 10-year plan for mental health, including supporting children and young people's mental health, there are no current plans to bring forward specific legislative proposals to require early intervention and preventative measures to help address children and young people's mental health and wellbeing issues at the first possible opportunity; and urges the Government to amend the Draft Mental Health Bill in accordance or give a commitment to introduce a stand-alone Bill to provide a Framework for the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People to include fully-funded early intervention and preventive strategies within schools and in the community.

252 Social tariffs for broadband

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 1

Jamie Stone

That this House recognises positive impact of discounted broadband tariffs for consumers on low incomes or with special social needs, especially during a cost-of-living crisis; acknowledges that there is currently no mandatory requirement for broadband or mobile providers to offer social tariffs; notes that with the amendments to the Communications Act 2003 that came in force in December

2020, Ofcom has the power to consider the need for industry-wide social tariffs for disadvantaged groups of customers, with direction from the Government; further notes that if social tariffs were made mandatory, over 7 million households could potentially benefit from having the cost of bills reduced; acknowledges that just 1 per cent of potentially eligible households are taking advantage of social tariffs, which is often a result of lack of awareness around discounted offers; calls on the Government to direct Ofcom to instate mandatory and universal broadband and mobile social tariffs for vulnerable consumers and to take steps to improve the advertisement of current social tariffs on offer.

253 Musical film adaptation of Un Nos Ola Leuad

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 3

Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake

That this House commends Channel 4 and S4C on their upcoming musical film adaptation of the seminal Welsh language novel 'Un Nos Ola Leuad' by Caradog Pritchard; notes that the story will be brought to the screen by acclaimed director Marc Evans and renowned composer Gareth Glyn; notes that the joint venture by Afanti Media and OPRA Cymru will be the first Welsh language opera ever broadcast on British television; further commends the broadcasters for the distinctive and ambitious programming which forms the bedrock of public service broadcasting, and wishes the cast and crew the very best with bringing this timeless story to a new audience.

254 Srebrenica Memorial Week 2022

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises the 11th July as the annual day of commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide; commits to supporting the work of communities and schools across the country to tackle hatred and intolerance by raising awareness and educating people about the genocide that took place in Srebrenica; pledges to use the lessons from Srebrenica to combat all forms of prejudice and discrimination that targets anyone because of their religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or any other characteristic; commends the dignity and determination of the survivors of genocide and ethnic cleansing who have rebuilt their lives as refugees in the UK; expresses its gratitude for the hugely invaluable work of the local organisation Remembering Srebrenica, who have united people from different backgrounds through organising activities to commemorate the victims and educate them on the tragic consequences of unchecked hatred, helping to build a more cohesive society whilst celebrating the diversity which enriches our country.

255 The contribution of the co-operative movement in the UK economy

Tabled: 5/07/22 Signatories: 6

Sir Mark Hendrick
Gareth Thomas
Mark Menzies
Angus Brendan MacNeil
Alex Norris
Tim Farron

That this House recognises the vital contribution of the UK co-operative movement to the economy; further notes that co-operatives in the UK operate across a wide range of sectors, all guided by the

values and principles of co-operation that include concern for community and member economic participation; recognises the importance of the co-operative sector in democratising the UK economy and empowering people to take control of their own lives; notes Co-operatives Fortnight taking place from 20 June to 3 July 2022; considers it in the interest of the UK as a whole to ensure the co-operative movement continues to grow; believes that it can play an important role in community-led economic development and levelling-up; and urges the Government to take steps to encourage the expansion of the co-operative sector.

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.

199 Recruiting and retaining NHS staff

Tabled: 22/06/22 Signatories: 47

Tony Lloyd
Sir Stephen Timms
Jon Trickett
Daisy Cooper
Caroline Lucas
Rachael Maskell

Rosie Cooper

Zarah Sultana

Christine Jardine

That this House acknowledges there is a staffing crisis in the National Health Service, exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic but predating it; recognises the intense pressure on healthcare staff, who having worked incredibly hard during the pandemic now face the vast challenge of clearing the backlog of care caused by it; regrets that many are now leaving NHS employment or actively considering it; notes the years of pay freezes and below-inflation pay rises and the spread of in-work poverty in the NHS; therefore calls for a decent pay rise for NHS staff aimed at boosting recruitment and retention, particularly during the cost of living crisis; urges the Government to act sooner rather than later; and further calls for embedding the real living wage as a benchmark and a dedicated retention package focused on encouraging existing, experienced NHS staff at all levels to stay in post.

206 Armed Forces Day 2022

Tabled: 27/06/22 Signatories: 11

Carol Monaghan
Allan Dorans
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Sir Peter Bottomley

Christine Jardine

That this House notes that Armed Forces Day took place on Saturday 25 June; celebrates the outstanding commitment of service personnel, reservists, service families, veterans and cadets to our peace and security; recognises the unique skills and expertise that the entire Armed Forces community contribute to the UK and beyond; highlights the work of the Armed Forces in supporting the Covid-19 pandemic response, from facilitating community testing to delivering

vaccines; recognises the need for greater diversity within the Armed Forces; is disappointed that female personnel are still experiencing greater discrimination at work; calls on the UK Government to step up its commitment to all serving personnel by improving pay, terms and conditions; and urges the UK Government to address longstanding issues for veterans, such as barriers to accessing fair pensions and compensation for injury during service.

215 Highland Wildlife Park 50 year anniversary

Tabled: 28/06/22 Signatories: 7

Drew Hendry
Sir Peter Bottomley
Alison Thewliss
Allan Dorans
Hannah Bardell
Chris Stephens

Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates the Highland Wildlife Park on celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; commends the hard work of the team at the Highland Wildlife Park and the continuation of animal conservation and care during the covid-19 pandemic; recognises the importance of their current Saving Wildcats project being led by their Wildlife Conservation Charity and the vital ongoing work to protect and restore native Scottish species as part of their pledge to reverse the decline of 50 species by 2030; congratulates the Highland Wildlife on the recent birth of two snow leopard cubs; and wishes them great success for another 50 years of business.

216 Abortion rights

Tabled: 28/06/22 Signatories: 29

Charlotte Nichols
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Nadia Whittome
Ian Byrne
Kate Osborne
Mick Whitley

Tommy Sheppard

Daisy Cooper

That this House is deeply concerned at the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn the longstanding Roe v Wade decision that provided federal protection for the right for women to choose an abortion and maintain the safety and autonomy of their bodies; fears that consequent restrictions across swathes of the US will harm millions of women and that the loss of safe services will lead to many unnecessary deaths; sends solidarity and support to the majority of the US population who oppose this appalling decision; and reaffirms the right for women in the UK to access safe, legal abortion procedures.

221 Community defibrillators

Tabled: 29/06/22 Signatories: 5

Liz Saville Roberts
Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Ben Lake
Douglas Chapman

That this House celebrates the Welsh Ambulance Service for their fast and efficient work responding to a recent serious heart attack in the village of Blaenau Ffestiniog; congratulates the local community for their support of the individual, particularly local resident Erica Davies for providing CPR while waiting for the Ambulance Service; commends the local community for their fundraising work, raising money for defibrillators in the local school and café; recognises the importance of these lifesaving devices in rural areas; and supports calls for greater availability of defibrillators in our communities.

223 Animal-free science and animal tests

Tabled: 29/06/22 Signatories: 15

Grahame Morris
Alison Thewliss
Hywel Williams
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn

Christine Jardine

That this House is concerned that the UK remains one of the countries in Europe consistently with one of the highest numbers of animal experiments, with over 2.88 million animals tests taking place in 2020 alone; is disappointed that UK legislation no longer contains a commitment to the final goal of full replacement of procedures on live animals found in recital 10 of Directive 2010/63/EU; acknowledges the ever-increasing capacity of animal-free, human relevant science to deliver economic and public health benefits as well as prevent animal suffering; notes that a recent YouGov survey found that 65 per cent of people want to see a Government-led, cross-departmental plan to incentivise an end to animal tests; further notes the Cruelty Free International campaign to Target Zero animal tests; and calls for a Minister with specific responsibility for providing strategic leadership to put in place a UK strategy to accelerate a transition to animal-free science.

227 National PTA Awards 2022

Tabled: 30/06/22 Signatories: 9

Ian Mearns
Hywel Williams
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
Jonathan Edwards
Ian Lavery

Vicky Foxcroft

Grahame Morris

That this House recognises the continued success of the National PTA Awards, launched by Parentkind, the network of Parent Teacher Association fundraisers; congratulates this year's Award winners Friends of Stanton School (Primary) and Friends of Prendergast Vale (Secondary) for PTA Fundraising Achievement of the Year, Highfield CofE Primary School Friends and Family for PTA

Community Initiative of the Year, Ffrindiau Ysgol Blaenau PTFA (Primary) and Friends of Wren Enfield (Secondary) as New PTA of the Year, Debs Curtis, Preston C of E Primary School as Volunteer of the Year, Ashmole Parent and Staff Association (Primary) and Maidstone Grammar School Parents Association (Secondary) as Champion PTA, Friends of Bawburgh School (Primary) and Harrogate Grammar School PTA (Secondary) for Changing the Life of the School with Bawburgh winning the accolade of overall PTA of the Year; acknowledges the invaluable role played by all of Parentkind's 13,000 PTA members in building their school communities and raising tens of millions of pounds per year through voluntary effort; and wishes all PTAs well with their remarkable achievements in supporting schools and school communities for the benefit of every child's educational experience.

240 Llwylcoed Brass Band 110th anniversary

Tabled: 30/06/22 Signatories: 21

Beth Winter
Hywel Williams
Kate Osborne
Jonathan Edwards
Wayne David
Jeremy Corbyn

Grahame Morris

That this House congratulates Llwylcoed Brass Band on reaching its 110th anniversary; celebrates the role of miners in establishing the Band in 1912; notes the efforts of the Band to support the welfare of local residents in difficult economic circumstances throughout its history, including in particular the march of band members to Parliament from Cynon Valley to protest the lack of employment in the Valley in the 1930s; further notes the Band's musical success, including first prize at the National Eisteddfod in 1952 and the most recent festival in 2019; as well as the Band's most recent achievement in qualifying for the British National Brass Band Championships at the Royal Albert Hall in 2021, representing the Cynon Valley; and looks forward to many more successes in the Band's future.

241 International Co-operatives Day

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 4

Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans

That this House notes that 2 July 2022 marks the 100th International Day of Co-operatives; further notes that this year's theme is 'Co-operatives Build a Better World' – echoing the theme of the UN International Year of Co-operatives a decade ago, which showcased the unique contribution of co-operatives to making the world a better place; acknowledges that co-operatives and mutuals are a form of business owned and run by members and that they can help develop communities and the economy; further acknowledges that the earliest record of a co-operative comes from Fenwick, Scotland in 1761 when local weavers formed the Fenwick Weavers' Society, and in modern form they have existed since 1844, when cotton mill workers in Rochdale formed the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers; and recognises the importance of the co-operative sector in Scotland, particularly in community energy, and the key role co-operatives will have in ensuring that net zero targets are met.

242 Community Action Award for Aberfeldy-based Feldy-Roo

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 3

Pete Wishart
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates Feldy-Roo on winning the Community Action award at the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) 2022 Scottish Charity Awards; understands that the Community Action award commemorates community-led groups and organisations who are making a big difference to a small community; recognises that Feldy-Roo is an Aberfeldy-based initiative founded by Gavin Price to feed elderly and isolating people by preparing and delivering meals seven days a week; believes that the contributions by Feldy-Roo have been invaluable to people across Perth and North Perthshire; welcomes the ongoing success of SCVO's annual Charity Awards; and notes the important role the event plays in highlighting the incredible efforts of organisations and individuals across Scotland's voluntary sector.

243 25th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 4

John Nicolson
Jim Shannon
Christine Jardine
Allan Dorans

That this House recognises today as the 25th anniversary of the handover of Hong Kong to China; laments that Hong Kongers are suffering from the collapse of the rule of law, an unchecked government, repression, erosion of freedoms, and destruction of civil society, despite their hope for continued peace, prosperity and freedom; recalls that, as part of the handover in 1997, the Chinese government promised the people of Hong Kong universal suffrage, a high degree of autonomy, and a commitment that their way of life would remain unchanged for fifty years; regrets that these promises—enshrined in the 1984 Sino-British Agreement and the subsequent Basic Law—have been repeatedly broken by the Chinese Communist Party; expresses grave concern that the freedoms of the press in Hong Kong have been greatly diminished; and calls on the UK Government to support the people of Hong Kong, since the safety and freedoms of Hong Kongers—here in the UK, in Hong Kong, and around the world—must be protected, as must democracy.

244 Cart T cell therapy for multiply myeloma

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes and recognises the impact multiply myeloma has on one's life; further notes that this particular blood cancer develops in the bone marrow called plasma cells and impacts the immune system; highlights the importance of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy, better known as Cart T Cell Therapy, which has been approved to treat Lymphomas; further highlights that this treatment was approved by the Department of Health Cancer Strategy the NICE for the end of 2021, but has not yet been implemented for use in Northern Ireland; notes how this certain therapy could alter and save the lives of so many individuals suffering with MM; further notes the situation of my constituent who is waiting this type of treatment for MM and is currently being overlooked as this is not available for use yet in Northern Ireland, but is already in use in the mainland; and calls

for the Department of Health and Social Care to undertake discussion with the relevant Minister in Northern Ireland to ensure that this treatment is available in Northern Ireland as soon as possible.

245 Cervical cancer screenings

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon
Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes the importance of attending cervical cancer screenings when invited; further notes the work done by the Public Health Agency in encouraging women to ensure cervical cancer screenings are carried out regularly; notes the devastating number of women who are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year; is aware that on average 81 people are diagnosed and 21 people die of cervical cancer in Northern Ireland each year; notes that this screening is not just a test for cancer but is also a preventive measure; understands that it is not an easy procedure for many women but helps save lives; and highlights the importance of accepting cervical cancer screening invitations and that support is there should the process become distressing or cause anxiety.

246 VAT and electric vehicle charging

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 16

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
Jamie Stone
Douglas Chapman
Layla Moran
Wendy Chamberlain

Ed Davey
Ronnie Cowan
Mr Virendra Sharma
Margaret Ferrier

Helen Morgan
Wera Hobhouse
Gavin Newlands

Tim Farron
Christine Jardine
Richard Foord

That this House notes there is a discrepancy between VAT on residential off-street electric vehicle charging which is charged at 5 per cent and VAT on public charging which is charged at 20 per cent; urges the Government to scrap this discrepancy and reduce VAT on public charging to 5 per cent; notes that 60 per cent of households in major towns and cities do not have access to off-street parking and therefore pay a higher rate of VAT on EV charging; recognises the important role electric vehicles and their associated infrastructure will play in decarbonising the UK's transport network; and urges the Government to do more to increase provision of EV Chargers.

247 Millersneuk Primary School pupils and Euroquiz finals

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 3

Amy Callaghan
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the team of primary six pupils from Millersneuk Primary in Lenzie, East Dunbartonshire on reaching the final of the prestigious Euroquiz competition; notes that the team had earned their place in the national finals by winning the East Dunbartonshire heats in March; understands the final, held in the Scottish Parliament debating chamber, saw 29 school teams take part with Millersneuk finishing in joint fourth place; congratulates the team and

everyone involved at Millersneuk primary on this tremendous result; praises the hard work and support of the primary 6 pupils and their teachers; thanks them for being excellent ambassadors for East Dunbartonshire; and looks forward to seeing what more they will achieve in future.

248 Transition to electric vehicles in Norway

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 4

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Christine Jardine

That this House congratulates Norway for being the first country to see the sale of EV vehicles overtake those powered by petrol and diesel; notes that 64.5 per cent of all car sales in 2021 were fully electric, whilst a further 22 per cent were plug-in hybrids; further notes that a fiscal policy based on zero per cent VAT for EVs and 25 per cent tax on petrol and diesel vehicles has incentivised the transition to greener vehicles; recognises the importance of further incentives in promoting the uptake of EVs such as no fuel tax, the ability to use bus lanes, no registration tax on the sale of used cars, free public charging and no annual ownership tax; further recognises that Norway are now looking to move to the next phase which is to promote moving from private transport to public transport and active travel; acknowledges the importance of a consistent package of incentives to boost consumer confidence; commends Norway for its EV public charging infrastructure of 17,000 charging points including 3,000 rapid chargers which means that motorists can drive to a rapid charger within 30 miles despite the mountainous and rural nature of the country with a widespread population; celebrates that Norway's strength in renewable energy production provides cheap electricity; and calls on the Department of Transport to consider policies implemented in Norway as a means of supporting the EV transition in the UK.

249 Colgrain Primary School, Helensburgh, and UNICEF's Ukraine Appeal

Tabled: 4/07/22 Signatories: 3

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House congratulates the pupils of Colgrain Primary School in Helensburgh who raised £4,722 for UNICEF's Ukraine Appeal by taking part in a sponsored walk around the school's grounds; notes that pupils from every class participated in the event, with the youngest nursery-school pupils walking two-and-a-half miles, those in P1 to P3 each covering five miles, while pupils in P4 to P7 walked 10 miles each; notes that the pupils were moved to help their Ukrainian counterparts after seeing distressing images of the effect the war was having on Ukraine's young people; and thanks head teacher Pauline Walsh and all her staff for organising the event and, as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, for all they do in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into practice within the school, giving the pupils of Colgrain Primary School the best chance to lead happy, healthy school lives and to become responsible, active citizens.

250 Inaugural Welsh Disc Golf Open at Felin GeriTabled: **4/07/22** Signatories: **2****Ben Lake****Jim Shannon**

That this House celebrates the inaugural Welsh Open at Felin Geri, Cwm Cou, as part of the British and Irish Majors and the European Pro Tour X 2022; congratulates the organisers at Felin Geri on arranging a most impressive course; commends the contestants for the high quality of play and the positivity of the event; notes that Disc Golf is played like golf with players substituting clubs for flying discs with the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes; looks forward to the growth of Disc Golf in Wales and the UK; and encourages people to reach out to their local disc golf association to get involved with this fun, social, and accessible sport.