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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 18 July 2024

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New EDMs

29 **Coroner services**

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 1

Ayoub Khan

That this House calls on the Government to properly fund coroner services, including non-invasive scanning equipment where post-mortems are required, with a view to reducing delays; notes that there are increasing delays in places including Birmingham in bodies being released after death; and expresses regret that this leads to extra distress for the families, especially among those whose faith dictates that burials must take place as soon as possible after the death of their loved ones.

30 Flooding in Bangladesh

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 1

Apsana Begum

That this House is alarmed that flooding in Bangladesh has taken lives, swept away homes and shut schools, displaced tens of thousands of people, and that the forecast for more heavy rain is expected to worsen the situation; notes that climate change is one of the greatest threat humans face and will require unprecedented international coordination and cooperation; recognises that Bangladesh is highly vulnerable to extreme climate events, such as flooding, despite being one of the least polluting countries and that the Global South is far more likely to suffer the catastrophic effects of climate change; and calls on the Government to ensure

that aid and support is provided regarding the current flooding and climate management in Bangladesh, along with a just green transition in the UK.

31 **Jagtar Singh Johal**

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 1

Ayoub Khan

That this House calls upon the Government to seek the immediate release of Jagtar Singh Johal, a British man who has been wrongfully detained in India since 2017 and faces a possible death sentence; notes that, in May 2022, the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention concluded that, under international law, Jagtar's detention is arbitrary and has no legal basis; further notes that under the previous Government, the Labour opposition took a strong stand on Jagtar's behalf; and believes the new Government now has a duty to take proper action on Jagtar's case and secure his release and return to his family in Dumbarton without hesitation or delay.

32 Caernarfon Town Football Club victory

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 4

Liz Saville Roberts Ben Lake Llinos Medi Ann Davies

That this House congratulates Caernarfon Town Football Club for advancing to the second qualifying round of the Europa Conference League; notes that the Canaries won 8-7 against the Crusaders on penalties at the Seaview Stadium in Belfast this week; further notes that the club will now face Legia Warsaw next week; commends the club's string of successes in recent months, having secured its spot in the Europa Conference League for the first time in its history by defeating Penybont FC at the Oval in May; acknowledges the immense support and encouragement shown to the team by their dedicated fans and the Cofi Army; and wishes manager Richard Davies and the whole team the very best as they advance to the next stage of the tournament.

33 Gaza

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 5

Andy McDonald
Debbie Abrahams
Naz Shah
Brendan O'Hara
Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House notes the appalling situation in Gaza, where Palestinian civilians are facing death by starvation; supports an immediate bilateral ceasefire, including the release of hostages held by armed groups in Gaza, and the release of Palestinian detainees held without charge in Israel; calls on the Government to demand full humanitarian access into Gaza, including that Israel open all crossings into the Gaza strip; notes the vital importance of the life-saving work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and calls on the Government to resume full funding of what is the largest humanitarian agency operating in Gaza; further calls on the Government to ensure that all parties uphold international humanitarian law and are accountable for any violations; further notes the widespread violations of international law; calls on the Government publish the legal advice on such violations and the legal situation regarding UK arms trade with Israel; and further calls on the Government to fully uphold the independence of the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court and respect the outcome of their investigations.

34 United Nations Relief and Works Agency

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 5

Andy McDonald Debbie Abrahams Naz Shah Brendan O'Hara Mr Alistair Carmichael

That this House calls on the Government to restore immediately full UK funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), but also to increase funding to address the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza; notes Israeli attempts to evict UNRWA from Jerusalem; and further calls on the Government to mount a vigorous opposition to all such moves.

35 **165th Great Yorkshire Show**

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 1

Tom Gordon

That this House celebrates the 165th Great Yorkshire Show, a landmark event showcasing the best of British agriculture, food, and rural life; congratulates Rachel Coates on making history as the first female Show Director, succeeding Charles Mills who has commendably served in this

role since 2016; acknowledges the significant contributions of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society in organising this prestigious event; appreciates the show's impact in promoting agricultural excellence, innovation, and community spirit; and extends best wishes for a successful event that continues to highlight the importance of agriculture to the Yorkshire region and beyond.

36 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival

Tabled: 18/07/24 Signatories: 1

Tom Gordon

That this House celebrates the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival, one of the most prestigious events in the literary calendar, which annually attracts renowned authors, avid readers, and industry professionals from around the world; acknowledges the Festival's significant contribution to promoting crime fiction and nurturing emerging talent in the genre; commends the organisers for their dedication in curating a diverse and engaging programme of events, including author talks, panel discussions, and writing workshops; recognises the Festival's role in boosting the local economy and enhancing Harrogate's cultural heritage; and extends best wishes for continued success in fostering a love for crime writing and supporting the literary arts.

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.

1 Public ownership of water

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 16

Ellie Chowns
Adrian Ramsay
Siân Berry
Carla Denyer
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell

Iqbal MohamedJon TrickettShockat AdamAyoub KhanMr Adnan HussainAnn DaviesBen LakeLiz Saville RobertsHywel Williams

Llinos Medi

That this House condemns the mismanagement and underinvestment which led to untreated sewage being discharged into English waterways for more than 3.6 million hours in 2023; notes that water companies in England have incurred debts of more than £64 billion and paid out £78 billion in dividends since they were privatised debt-free in 1989; further notes that water

companies paid out £1.4 billion in dividends in 2022, even as 11 of them were fined in the same year for missing performance targets; objects to Ofwat's proposal to allow water companies to increase bills by an average of 21% despite overwhelming evidence of mismanagement; recognises that climate change is making flooding and droughts more frequent and more severe, necessitating changes to the way water systems are managed in order to build resilience; believes that private for-profit ownership is not an appropriate model for water, as an essential utility where no meaningful competition is possible; calls on the Government to rule out any bailout of Thames Water, which would send a dangerous signal to other utility companies that reckless decisions carry no private risk; further calls for Thames Water to be placed in special administration and for its assets and functions to be transferred to a publicly-owned company; and also calls for all water companies in England to be brought into public ownership so that the water network can be managed for the benefit of all citizens.

2 Pharmacy provision in Glastonbury

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 2

Sarah Dyke Christine Jardine

That this House is concerned about the insufficient pharmacy provision in Glastonbury; believes that following the closure of two pharmacies last year the one remaining pharmacy cannot meet the demands of the town; is pleased that plans for another pharmacy to open in the town have been approved and welcomes its opening; yet is worried about the long term challenges facing pharmacies as the equivalent to 10 local pharmacies have closed down every week between January and April 2024; notes that real terms funding for community pharmacies has decreased by 40% over the last decade; further believes that a fairer and more sustainable long-term funding model for pharmacies is needed; supports the Pharmacy First approach to give patients more accessible routine services and ease the pressure on GPs; and believes qualified pharmacists should be given more prescribing rights and public health advisory services.

3 Third runway at Heathrow

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 5

Sarah Olney Jeremy Corbyn Christine Jardine Munira Wilson Mr Paul Kohler

That this House recognises Heathrow's renewed focus on the third runway project; condemns the expansion due to its widely-recognised impact on local communities; highlights the existing impact of flying at Heathrow on south west and west London; further highlights that support for

the expansion of the third runway contradicts stated commitments to achieving net zero; and urges the Government to reject the project.

4 Restoration of Hammersmith Bridge

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 2

Sarah Olney Christine Jardine

That this House highlights the failure of the previous Government to review the Hammersmith Bridge Strengthening Works Business Case for nearly two years; recognises that the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham does not have the necessary funds to repair the bridge unilaterally; further recognises the bridge's essential place in London's transport infrastructure; and urges the Government to call an immediate session of the Hammersmith Bridge Task Force to update stakeholders on the status of the works.

5 **Health services in Shropshire**

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 2

Helen Morgan Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the crisis in NHS services, particularly for rural communities; is concerned that over 10,000 people over the age of 65 waited for 24 hours or more to be seen at accident and emergency departments in Shropshire last year; acknowledges that this is greater than a 3,000% increase over the last five years; is further concerned that the number of attendances to accident and emergency departments at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust who wait over four hours increased to 40% in June 2024; notes with regret that, over the last year, the number of four-week waits for a GP appointment rose by 62% in Shropshire; commends the progress made since Donna Ockenden's final report in 2020 to improve maternity services at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust; further notes that 18 of the recommended actions for the Trust remain undelivered; and urges the Government to improve the safety and quality of all health and care services with a particular focus on rural areas.

6 Thames Water price rises

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 9

Layla Moran
Olly Glover
Calum Miller
Charlie Maynard
Freddie van Mierlo
Jeremy Corbyn

Mr Lee Dillon Clive Jones Munira Wilson

That this House expresses anger at Thames Water's customers' water bills increasing by an average 23% over the next five years; welcomes Ofwat's decision to not allow Thames Water's proposed price hike of £191 to go ahead wholescale; calls on Ofwat to go further and use its existing powers to crackdown on large water bill rises; condemns Thames Water for discharging sewage into waterways for 196,414 hours last year, a 160% increase on 2022; notes that Thames Water spent over £30 million across their network, in the last financial year, on tankers used to clean up sewage spills in roads, gardens, and homes; asks the Government to tackle sewage dumping by introducing a Sewage Tax on water company profits and setting legally binding targets to prevent sewage dumping into bathing waters and highly sensitive nature sites; further notes that Thames Water announced an increase in annual profits to £157.3 million in their annual report; urges Thames Water to prioritise public good over profit and environmental policy objectives in their day-to-day running; and implores the Government to implement a ban on water company executive bonuses until sewage discharges end.

7 Consumer water bills

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 25

Sarah Olney Steff Aquarone Luke Taylor Liz Jarvis Alex Brewer Pippa Heylings

Liz Saville Roberts Wendy Chamberlain Ben Lake Igbal Mohamed Manuela Perteghella Llinos Medi **Ann Davies Shockat Adam** Helen Morgan Clive Jones James MacCleary Ben Maguire Ayoub Khan Richard Foord Munira Wilson Vikki Slade Tom Gordon Layla Moran

That this House regrets the large increases that have been proposed to consumer water bills; notes that water companies continue to dump sewage into local waterways; believes, as a point of principle, that it is unfair for water companies to make consumers bear the brunt of the costs for improvements to infrastructure when companies have paid out millions to

shareholders in profits and bonuses to directors and executives; and calls on water companies to ensure water bills make clear to customers where their money is being spent.

8 Ending the two-child benefit cap

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 35

Kim Johnson
John McDonnell
Zarah Sultana
Mary Kelly Foy
Siân Berry
Colum Eastwood

Imran Hussain Iqbal Mohamed Ian Byrne

Jeremy CorbynAyoub KhanNeil Duncan-JordanBrian MathewMr Adnan HussainAndy McDonald

Nadia Whittome

That this House recognises the new data published by the Department for Work and Pensions on the two-child limit to benefit payments which shows that there are now 1.6 million children living in families impacted by this policy, or one in every nine children; further recognises that of those families impacted 59% are working households, and that 3100 women were granted an exemption to the limit as a result of non-consensual conception under the rape clause; notes that if scrapped this policy would lift 300,000 children out of poverty immediately; and calls on the Government to scrap the two-child limit.

9 Cumbria coal mine court appeal

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 2

Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

That this House welcomes the Government's decision to withdraw support for plans for a new coal mine at Whitehaven in Cumbria; recognises that commissioning the coal mine contradicts the UK's commitment to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; calls for urgent investment to be made in Cumbria for alternative sources of high skilled employment in green industries; and urges the new Secretary of State to reject planning permission if the court rules in favour of the appeal.

10 Hartlepool Carers' 30th anniversary

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 4

Mr Jonathan Brash Andy McDonald Luke Myer Chris McDonald

That this House congratulates Hartlepool Carers on their 30th anniversary for three decades of work with some of the most vulnerable people and families in the town; notes that kinship carers such as those they support are often unpaid with many other responsibilities in their lives which can be difficult to balance; further notes that although efforts have been made to improve support for kinship carers, there is much more work to be done to ensure fair financial support, adequate leave arrangements with employers and supported respite care; and believes that the Government should prioritise measures to support carers in this Parliament.

11 Peace in Israel and Gaza

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 46

Layla Moran [R]
Caroline Voaden
Mr Lee Dillon
Bobby Dean
Freddie van Mierlo
Dr Danny Chambers

John Milne Alison Bennett Andrew George Manuela Perteghella Wera Hobhouse Mr Tom Morrison Chris Coghlan Mr Will Forster Pippa Heylings **Christine Jardine** Wendy Chamberlain Sarah Gibson Ayoub Khan Clive Jones Alex Brewer Jess Brown-Fuller Sarah Olney Olly Glover **Richard Foord** Zöe Franklin Munira Wilson

Adnan Hussain Mr Paul Kohler Sorcha Eastwood

Vikki Slade Daisy Cooper

That this House expresses its devastation at the complete humanitarian disaster in Gaza with tens of thousands of innocent Palestinians killed, millions displaced and thousands of homes destroyed; urges Hamas to unconditionally and immediately release the hostages taken following the deplorable attacks on 7 October 2023; notes the unacceptable illegal settler violence in the Occupied Palestinian Territories left unchecked by the Israeli Government; welcomes any sanctions by the Government against extremist Israeli settlers who have committed human rights abuses against Palestinian communities in the West Bank; further urges the Government to sanction all violent settlers and their connected entities; calls on the Government to uphold international law and the judgments of international courts under all circumstances; further notes that the only path to regional security is a two-state solution based on 1967 borders with Hamas not in power; condemns Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu's

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repeated assertions that there is no future for a Palestinian state; urges the Government to immediately recognise the state of Palestine; and further urges the Government to call for an immediate bilateral ceasefire in Gaza, which will allow an end to the humanitarian devastation, get the hostages out and provide an opportunity for a political process leading to a two-state solution, providing security and dignity for all peoples in Palestine and Israel.

19 200th anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 26

Helena Dollimore Neil Duncan-Jordan Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Llinos Medi **Christine Jardine**

Peter Lamb Adam Jogee Luke Myer Kirith Entwistle Tonia Antoniazzi Steve Race Satvir Kaur Fred Thomas Jess Asato Polly Billington Alison Hume Kanishka Narayan Matthew Patrick Dan Aldridge Jayne Kirkham Melanie Onn

Lizzi Collinge Mr Paul Kohler

Beccy Cooper Andy McDonald

That this House congratulates the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) on its 200th anniversary of saving lives at sea; thanks all crew members who have risked their lives to save over 140,000 lives at sea; and pays tribute to all volunteers past and present who support this vital work.

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13 Britain's first black police officer, John Kent

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 6

Ms Julie Minns Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Llinos Medi **Ann Davies Adam Jogee**

That this House pays tribute to Britain's first black police officer, John Kent who died on 20 July 1886; notes that John Kent was the son of a freed slave, Thomas Kent; further notes that John Kent began his policing career in Maryport, Cumbria in 1835 before transferring to the Carlisle City Police in 1837; commends John Kent for his service, in particular his policing of the Carlisle election riots during which he and other officers were injured; and asks that the Speaker's

Advisory Committee on Works of Art consider commissioning a portrait of Britain's first black police officer to mark the 220th anniversary of John Kent's birth which falls in 2025.

14 International Criminal Court, Gaza and the Rule of Law

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 30

Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Zarah Sultana
Ms Apsana Begum
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
John McDonnell

Tahir AliShockat AdamJeremy CorbynIqbal MohamedBen LakeLiz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi Ann Davies Ayoub Khan Mr

Adnan Hussain Brendan O'Hara Carla Denyer

Siân Berry

That this House rejects attempts by the previous Government to undermine the International Criminal Court's (ICC) right to seek an arrest warrant against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for war crimes, following the decision by the ICC Chief Prosecutor to issue applications for arrest warrants for a number of Israeli and Hamas leaders in May 2024; opposes the decision by the previous Government to challenge the ICC's jurisdiction over Israeli actions in Gaza; notes that the ICC has a well-established jurisdiction over Israeli actions in Palestine; believes that the UK, as an ICC member committed to a rules-based international order, should protect the Court's independence and reject any efforts to impede or interfere with its work, or to intimidate or retaliate against its officials; further believes that attempts to hinder the ICC's work not only risk undermining accountability for war crimes in Gaza but also weaken the wider rule of law and international justice as a whole; calls on the UK Government to do all it can to support the International Criminal Court in its efforts to ensure accountability and justice for the victims of war crimes; and further calls on the UK Government to immediately drop the challenge made by the previous Government regarding arrest warrants and the ICC's jurisdiction over Israeli actions in Gaza.

17 **10** years of Comber Farmer's Market

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 3

Jim Shannon Jeremy Corbyn Adam Jogee

That this House celebrates 10 years of the Comber Farmers Market in the constituency of Strangford, that opened in July 2014; notes how it was started by Comber Regeneration Community Partnership whose members believed that a food market would help boost

Combers economy; highlights how this gives local food producers an opportunity to sell their products and attract more visitors to the town; underlines how the market sells fresh food and plant products which attracts hundreds of people from Comber and further afield, including Newtownards, Bangor and the Ards Peninsula; thanks the group of volunteers and managers who work tirelessly to make the market a success; and wishes them all the best for the future.

20 Durham Miners' Gala 2024

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 5

Mary Kelly Foy Kim Johnson Jeremy Corbyn Jon Trickett Andy McDonald

That this House celebrates the Durham Miners' Gala, also known as the Big Meeting; believes that the Durham Miners' Gala is the greatest celebration of working-class solidarity in the world; recognises the contribution mineworkers have made to the working-class movement throughout history; further recognises the contribution of mineworkers in defeating fascism in World War II; recognises the contribution of the National Union of Mineworkers to the labour movement, the Labour Party and trade-unionism; recognises the cultural, historical and political ties between County Durham and the mining industry; notes that the 138th Big Meeting marked the 40th anniversary of the 1984-85 miners' strike; recognises the vital role of women in the miners' strike; further believes that the gala is a beacon of hope for workers' around the country; and encourages everyone to become a Marra.

21 State pension age and 1950s-born women

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 68

Wendy Chamberlain
Daisy Cooper
Richard Foord
Sorcha Eastwood
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Sarah Green

Helen Morgan Ben Maguire James MacCleary **Edward Morello** Liz Jarvis Tim Farron Freddie van Mierlo Tom Gordon Alison Bennett Lisa Smart Steve Darling Clive Jones Josh Babarinde Olly Glover Marie Goldman Dr David Chadwick Roz Savage Mr Joshua Reynolds Mr Tom Morrison Chris Coghlan Adam Dance Susan Murray Mr Will Forster Victoria Collins Zöe Franklin Mr Lee Dillon Martin Wrigley

Vikki Slade Jeremy Corbyn Pippa Heylings Ben Lake Jon Trickett Manuela Perteghella Liz Saville Roberts Llinos Medi Ann Davies Charlotte Cane John Milne Avoub Khan Dr Al Pinkerton Alex Brewer Steff Aquarone Munira Wilson Mr Paul Kohler Max Wilkinson Mary Kelly Foy Helen Maguire Monica Harding

That this House notes with concern the losses borne by 1950s women as a result of maladministration by the Department for Work and Pensions; welcomes the findings of the independent inquiry of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; further notes that on average over 100 1950s born women die daily, many of whom have suffered losses and die without compensation; and urges the Government to honour the recommendations of the Ombudsman, and come forward with a proper plan to compensate these women.

22 Child poverty and the two-child benefit cap

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 53

Wendy Chamberlain
Daisy Cooper
Richard Foord
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Wera Hobhouse
Jamie Stone

Ben Lake Liz Saville Roberts Jon Trickett Ayoub Khan Igbal Mohamed Ann Davies Christine Jardine Shockat Adam Helen Morgan James MacCleary Clive Jones Tom Gordon Dr Al Pinkerton Manuela Perteghella Sarah Olney Claire Young Lisa Smart Bobby Dean [R] Alex Brewer Caroline Voaden Steff Aquarone Liz Jarvis Monica Harding Mr Lee Dillon Mr Will Forster Ian Sollom Anna Sabine Adam Dance Mike Martin Susan Murray Freddie van Mierlo Zöe Franklin Marie Goldman Dr Danny Chambers Ian Roome Martin Wrigley **David Chadwick** Sorcha Eastwood Mr Paul Kohler Max Wilkinson Sarah Dyke Vikki Slade Alison Bennett Mr Joshua Reynolds Llinos Medi Helen Maguire Ben Maguire

That this House believes no child should grow up without adequate food, a warm home or security for their future; notes the Department for Work and Pensions' April 2024 statistics which state that 1.6 million children are affected by the two-child benefit cap; further notes that parents subject to the cap have less income available for childcare costs and therefore experience barriers to employment; recognises that removing this cap is the most cost-effective

way of immediately lifting children out of poverty and deep poverty; and urges the Chancellor of the Exchequer to remove the two-child limit on social security payments in her first Budget.

24 Gareth Southgate resignation as England Manager

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 27

Adam Jogee Rachel Taylor Rosie Wrighting Natasha Irons Chris Bloore David Williams

Jon TrickettAyoub KhanIqbal MohamedChristine JardineLuke MyerHelen MorganPeter LambMr Paul KohlerKirith Entwistle

Andy McDonald Tom Gordon

That this House notes with sadness the resignation of Gareth Southgate OBE from his role as manager of the England men's national team on Tuesday 16 July 2024; appreciates Mr Southgate's commitment, leadership and his steadfast support for grassroots sport; celebrates the brilliant performance of the England squad in the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship; acknowledges that as manager Mr Southgate led the England national team in 102 games over almost eight years; recognises the immense contribution made by Mr Southgate to a sense of national pride right across England; and wishes Gareth Southgate OBE and his family all the best for the future.

26 Avoidable deaths

Tabled: **17/07/24** Signatories: **12**

Grahame Morris Liz Saville Roberts Rachael Maskell Mary Glindon Mary Kelly Foy Kim Johnson

Jeremy CorbynBen LakeJon TrickettLlinos MediAnn DaviesAndy McDonald

That this House is alarmed by Office for National Statistics data on avoidable mortality released on 18 June 2024 showing that the Avoidable Age-Standardised Mortality Rate (ASMR) for alcohol-related and drug-related deaths has continued to increase in England and Wales; notes that the ASMR for such deaths in England was 25.9 per 100,000 people in 2022 compared with 21.3 in 2019; further notes that the ASMR for such deaths in Wales was 30.2 per 100,000 people in 2022 compared with 24.2 in 2019; recognises that the influx of super strength synthetic

opioids such as nitazenes risks a rapid rise in drug deaths; and calls on the Government to focus on public health action, including increasing drug and alcohol treatment provision and expanding availability of the lifesaving antidote to opioid overdose Naloxone, as a matter of urgency.

27 School minibus safety

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 4

Sarah Edwards Tahir Ali Mary Kelly Foy Adam Jogee

That this House notes that 18 November 2023 was the 30th anniversary of the Hagley M40 minibus disaster, where twelve children and their teacher died; also notes that there is still no legislation to ensure best practice in the use of school minibuses, and a repeat of the tragedy is a distinct possibility; further notes the inequality enshrined in current legislation and regulation whereby private schools are required to operate to a higher standard of safety than state schools by being required to have a full public service vehicle operator's licence, whereas state schools can operate transport services for hire or reward with a permit under Section 19 of the Transport Act 1985, a much lower standard of safety management; also notes that the existing legislative framework is confusing for school managers and enforcement officers alike; and calls on the Government to ensure that all schools with minibuses are required to have a full public service vehicle operator's licence, hence operating to best practice and aiming to ensure that all pupils and staff come home safe.

28 Dental provision in the South West of England

Tabled: 17/07/24 Signatories: 10

Anna Sabine Caroline Voaden Vikki Slade Wera Hobhouse Sarah Dyke Ben Maguire

Claire Young Richard Foord Adam Dance

Max Wilkinson

That this House notes with concern the lack of NHS dentist provision in South West England; is shocked to learn that parents are often being told to take their children to private dentists in order to get a basic check-up; is concerned that over 100,000 children aged between 6 and 10 years have been admitted to hospital with rotting teeth since 2018; believes that the current situation is leading to children missing out on vital check-ups; supports providing supervised toothbrush training for children in nurseries and schools; further believes that VAT on children's

toothbrushes and toothpaste should be scrapped; and calls on the new Government to work with relevant primary care bodies to end the dental deserts in the South West region by bringing dentists back to the NHS from the private sector by fixing the broken NHS dental contract and using flexible commissioning to meet patient needs so that local residents can access NHS dental services when they need it.