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New EDMs

790 **40** years of service to the Boys' Brigade and Anchor Boys by Julie Cardwell

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Carla Lockhart

That this House congratulates Mrs Julie Cardwell on reaching the remarkable milestone of 40 years of dedicated service to the Boys' Brigade and Anchor Boys at 5th Portadown Boys' Brigade, Tartaraghan; recognises the profound impact she has had on generations of young boys, shaping lives through her unwavering commitment, faith and guidance; commends her steadfast dedication to instilling values of discipline, respect, and Christian faith in the boys under her care; acknowledges the Boys' Brigade in Northern Ireland, with over 11,000 boys and 3,000 volunteers, for its steadfast commitment to advancing Christ's kingdom among young people, nurturing faith, character and leadership through its strong Christian ethos; and expresses gratitude for the invaluable contribution of volunteers like Julie, whose service ensures that the Boys' Brigade remains a powerful force for good in society.

791 Contribution of tourism to Devon

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Steve Darling

That this House recognises the immense contribution of the tourism industry to the economy and culture of Devon, an area renowned for its stunning coastline, rich history, and vibrant attractions; celebrates the outstanding work of local businesses and visitor attractions,

including Paignton Zoo, a renowned centre for global wildlife conservation and education, Splashdown Quaywest, the UK's largest outdoor water park, Woodlands, a popular theme park offering a wide range of activities, and Exmoor Zoo, home to a diverse collection of rare and endangered species, all of which provide joy to visitors and vital employment opportunities in the region; acknowledges the crucial role of tourism in supporting the South West's predominantly low-wage and seasonal workforce; and condemns the Government's recent hike in National Insurance contributions, which has disproportionately impacted businesses and workers in the South West's tourism and hospitality sectors, placing further strain on an industry still recovering from the effects of the pandemic and rising costs.

792 Freedom of religion or belief in Nigeria

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Ruth Jones

That this House is deeply concerned by systemic violations of freedom of religion or belief in Nigeria, including the use of blasphemy laws and marginalisation of minority faith communities in the north; calls on the Nigerian government to review and repeal blasphemy laws; and urges the Government to increase diplomatic efforts to encourage the promotion of freedom of religion or belief and respect for diversity in Nigeria.

793 Funding for the BBC World Service

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House celebrates the value of BBC World Service journalism as a vital source of accurate and impartial information to audiences across the globe; believes that this role has never been more important, especially given the extent of misinformation and disinformation across social media; notes the critical importance of emergency information services provided to those in crisis, including recently in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine; welcomes the additional £32.6 million in funding for 2025/26 announced last year, but regrets that the decision of the previous government to transfer responsibility for the funding of BBC World Service from the government to the licence fee payer in 2014 has undermined the financial security and possibility of strategic investment into World Service; further regrets the recent announcement of a net loss of 130 jobs across BBC World Service owing to budget pressures and shares the fears of the National Union of Journalists that further cuts will inevitably lead to the erosion in capacity for trusted highquality journalism; and therefore concurs with the proposal of three select committee Chairs who have written to Ministers suggesting that in order to stem decline in the World Service provision, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport should jointly make the case to HM Treasury in the forthcoming Spending Review to use this opportunity to rebalance the relative contributions from the licence fee and FCDO, so that the World Service income becomes less reliant on the licence fee.

794 **80th anniversary of Lichfield Society of Artists**

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Dave Robertson

That this House congratulates Lichfield Society of Artists on its 80th anniversary on 18 October 2024; commends the efforts of the trustees, volunteers and staff of the organisation for all that they do to deliver the Fuse Festival and dozens of other events all year round; further commends them for the continued support that they offer to artists across the area; and notes the significant cultural impact that the organisation has made in its 80 years.

795 Local Government

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 6

Mrs Kemi Badenoch Kevin Hollinrake Rebecca Harris Paul Holmes David Simmonds Lewis Cocking

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) (England) Order 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 137), dated 10 February 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11 February 2025, be annulled.

796 Emergency Palestinian Family Visa Scheme

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 2

Ayoub Khan Shockat Adam

That this House calls upon the Government to urgently establish an Emergency Palestinian Family Visa Scheme, modelled after the successful Ukrainian visa programme, to ensure swift and safe passage for Palestinian nationals with family ties in the United Kingdom; recognises the humanitarian crisis continuing to be faced by many Palestinians; believes that it is imperative that the UK underscores its commitment to humanitarian aid and support for those affected by conflict by facilitating their ability to reunite with families already residing in Britain; further believes that the proposed scheme should prioritise expedited visa processes, permitting those eligible to seek refuge amidst their family members in the UK, thereby upholding the UK's longstanding tradition of providing sanctuary to those in dire need; notes the critical importance of this initiative, not only in alleviating the immediate suffering of individuals in conflict zones but also in affirming the UK's role as a compassionate and responsive global actor, consistent with the UK's international human rights obligations and community values; and calls for immediate action by the Home Office to draft the necessary regulations, allocate

resources, and collaborate with relevant non-governmental organisations to ensure the efficient and ethical implementation of this scheme, providing succour and hope to Palestinian families in this troubling time.

797 Rememberance of former lobby corespondent Mike Steele

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 2

Clive Efford Pete Wishart

This House notes with great sadness the passing of Australian-born political journalist Mike Steele, a long-serving Lobby correspondent for HTV Wales much respected by Welsh MPs across the political divide; further notes that Mike was much loved by his colleagues in the Lobby; forgives the fact that despite becoming an adopted South-East Londoner; Mike always chanted 'Rally Australia' during every Ashes series; and extends condolences to Mike's family, his many friends and former colleagues.

798 Leasehold reform

Tabled: 12/02/25 Signatories: 1

Gideon Amos

That this House believes reform to the leasehold system is long overdue; notes that Liberals and Liberal Democrats have campaigned to end leasehold since the reforms David Lloyd George laid down in the People's Budget 1909; regrets that the Conservatives in government failed to protect leaseholders from dangerous cladding or ban leaseholds; further notes that leaseholders make up over 20% of the housing stock in England which suffer from poorly regulated management charges and uncapped ground rents; recognises that many leaseholders have faced large service charge increases, including an 11% rise during 2024; understands with concern that increases in service charge have left many leaseholders trapped in their properties and unable to sell; also notes that some freeholders face similar charges through unmanaged and unregulated estate management fees; is therefore deeply concerned that the Government has so far failed to honour its manifesto commitment by further delaying leasehold reform; asks the Government to urgently provide leaseholders with management rights to protect them from unregulated charges; and calls on the Government finally to abolish leasehold tenancies for all current and new residential properties.

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.

715 **Heathrow airport third runway expansion**

Tabled: 29/01/25 Signatories: 24

Munira Wilson Sarah Olney Mr Joshua Reynolds Dr Roz Savage Dr Al Pinkerton Edward Morello

James MacCleary

That this House regrets that the Government has indicated its support for the expansion of Heathrow airport; highlights that Heathrow is the single largest polluter in the UK and that its emissions account for over half of all UK aviation emissions; further highlights that the addition of a third runway contradicts the Government's stated net zero targets; believes that economic growth should be balanced by environmental and health considerations; and urges the Government to reject proposals for a third runway at Heathrow.

722 Free-to-air television coverage of the Six Nations

Tabled: **29/01/25** Signatories: **29**

Max Wilkinson Adam Dance Wera Hobhouse Dr Roz Savage Helen Maguire Calum Miller

Tim Farron

That this House recognises the unique place of the Six Nations Championship within the cultural life of each of the four nations of the UK; believes that, given the special national interest, free-to-air live television coverage of the Championship must be protected; notes with grave concern recent reports that rights for live coverage of the Championship may be sold and coverage put behind a paywall; and calls for the men's and women's Six Nations to be listed as Category A listed events under the Broadcasting Act 1996.

738 Early detection of heart valve disease

Tabled: 3/02/25 Signatories: 8

Gill Furniss
Jim Shannon
Mary Kelly Foy
Wendy Chamberlain
Ellie Chowns
Lisa Smart

Shockat Adam Iqbal Mohamed

That this House recognises heart valve disease as a common, serious, but treatable condition affecting 1.5 million people over the age of 65 in the UK; notes that with early diagnosis and appropriate treatment, patients can return to a good quality of life; acknowledges the urgent need to ensure that patients diagnosed with heart valve disease have clear and timely access to care, including streamlined referral pathways within the NHS to prevent delays that could compromise outcomes and burdens the NHS; further highlights the importance of equitable access to treatment, ensuring that no one is left behind; celebrates advances in digital health, including wearable technology, AI-powered diagnostics, and telehealth, which offer transformative opportunities for early detection; and calls on the Government to champion the integration of digital stethoscopes and AI tools into routine healthcare to enable faster, more accurate diagnoses and improve outcomes for patients with heart valve disease.

739 Wheelchair services provided by AJM Healthcare

Tabled: 4/02/25 Signatories: 16

Daisy Cooper
Daniel Francis
Steve Darling
Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Jim Shannon

Charlotte Cane

That this House notes with deep concern the poor performance of AJM Healthcare, the leading provider of NHS wheelchair services, as set out in news reports and experienced by an increasing number of constituents; expresses its disappointment that responses to enquiries to that organisation are not forthcoming to its users, Integrated Care Boards, or their Members of Parliament; agrees with users that the waiting times for wheelchairs provided by AJM Healthcare are unacceptably long and are impacting users' mental and physical wellbeing; regrets that the Government does not have specific plans to solicit feedback from Integrated Care Boards on the performance of AJM Healthcare in their areas; further regrets that the Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board has stated that there was some way to go before they have AJM Healthcare providing the level and responsiveness of service patients and

their families need; further notes with alarm that AJM Healthcare is one of the largest national wheelchair providers supplying approximately 150,000 registered users and representing around 20% of all wheelchair service needs for NHS England; calls on AJM Healthcare to respond promptly to enquiries from its customers, Integrated Care Boards, and their Members of Parliament; and calls on the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to invite AJM Healthcare to answer to all concerned hon. Members for its failures in providing essential wheelchair services.

752 National Apprenticeships Week 2025

Tabled: 4/02/25 Signatories: 30

Ian Sollom
Ian Roome
Dr Roz Savage
Steve Darling
Claire Young
Adam Dance

Shockat Adam Iqbal Mohamed

That this House welcomes National Apprenticeship Week from the 10th to the 14th February 2025; celebrates the positive impact apprenticeships have on the British economy; further welcomes any events in recognition of National Apprenticeship Week 2025; and encourages more businesses to consider the benefits of taking on apprentices within the workforce.

753 **LGBT+ History Month 2025**

Tabled: 4/02/25 Signatories: 30

Christine Jardine
Steve Darling
Dr Roz Savage
Claire Young
Adam Dance
Jess Brown-Fuller

Neil Duncan-Jordan

That this House celebrates February as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month 2025; recognises that this year's theme is activism and social change, highlighting the contributions of LGBT+ people who helped advance society for all; notes that LGBT+ History Month can facilitate conversations around the continuing struggle for LGBT+ rights; regrets that there are a growing number of anti-LGBT+ laws in place across the world in nations including Russia, Hungary and Uganda; acknowledges the progress made for LGBT+ rights in the UK, but regrets that many inequalities still persist; notes with concern that nearly two-thirds of LGBT+ people in the UK have experienced violence or abuse; welcomes the Government's

announcement of a draft Bill to ban conversion practices; and calls on all Rt hon. and hon. Members of this House to work together to tackle discrimination and achieve equality for all LGBT+ people.

756 Injury on Duty Award Scheme

Tabled: 5/02/25 Signatories: 14

Tom Morrison
Ellie Chowns
Adam Dance
Christine Jardine
Zöe Franklin
Jim Shannon

Ian Roome John Milne

That this House acknowledges the inherent risks undertaken by police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other members of the emergency services in the line of duty; notes that severe injuries sustained in the line of duty can prematurely end their careers; further notes with concern that current recognition for such sacrifices is insufficient as existing gallantry awards are seldom conferred due to stringent criteria; highlights the case of Cheadle resident Jane Notley, a dedicated police officer whose legs were crushed while protecting the public, leading to her medical discharge; commends the initiative by retired Sussex Police Officer Tom Curry, who has launched a campaign seeking official recognition for officers injured on duty, as detailed by the National Association of Retired Police Officers; supports the Fire and Rescue Services Association's campaign advocating for medal recognition for all emergency service workers who are severely injured and medically retired from service; and calls on the Government to establish an official Injury on Duty Award Scheme to honour and acknowledge the sacrifices of these brave individuals.

758

116th anniversary of the 1909 West Stanley Pit Disaster

Tabled: 5/02/25 Signatories: 13

Luke Akehurst
Mary Kelly Foy
Josh Newbury
Mrs Sharon Hodgson
Grahame Morris
Mary Glindon

Ian Lavery

That this House acknowledges that 16 February 2025 marks the 116th anniversary of the 1909 West Stanley Pit Disaster; remembers the 168 men and boys who died in the explosion and its aftermath and those who risked their lives to rescue survivors; notes that the disaster was the worst in the history of the Durham coalfield and one of the worst coal mining disasters in British

history; pays tribute to the resilience, courage and spirit shown by the community of Stanley; recognises that the disaster continues to have profound importance in the local community's collective memory; and honours the tremendous sacrifices made by miners and their families.

763 **US proposals for Gaza**

Tabled: 5/02/25 Signatories: 68

Calum Miller Monica Harding Helen Maguire James MacCleary Layla Moran Wendy Chamberlain

Shockat Adam

That this House believes that President Trump's proposals for Gaza are dangerously irresponsible; recognises the need to uphold the rights and security of all citizens in Israel and Palestine; notes with concern that President Trump's approach demonstrates total disregard for the rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people; acknowledges the immense suffering that Palestinians have endured for so long; warns that President Trump's statements will only deepen fear and uncertainty in Palestinians' lives; stresses the importance of maintaining the current ceasefire as a foundation for lasting peace and stability in the Middle East; calls on the UK Government to condemn President Trump's proposals as both wrong and in violation of international law; and urges the UK to take this moment to immediately recognise Palestine as a state on 1967 Lines and accordingly advance a two-state solution.

765 Children's Mental Health Week

Tabled: 5/02/25 Signatories: 28

Christine Jardine
Ellie Chowns
Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Steff Aquarone
Ian Sollom

Jon Trickett Sarah Dyke Shockat Adam

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House celebrates Children's Mental Health Week 2025, running from 3 to 9 February; notes with concern that 50% of children and young people with lifetime mental health problems first experience symptoms by the age of 14; further notes that this year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, which is aimed at encouraging children and young people to use self-awareness to understand and regulate their emotions; acknowledges the positive impact of this approach on building resilience, developing healthy relationships, and avoiding self-destructive

behaviours; also notes the positive impact this support can have on young people experiencing difficult life events such as bereavement; and calls on the Government to introduce a dedicated mental health professional in every school to make this vital support more accessible to every child.

768 Safety regulations for large-scale battery storage facilities

Tabled: 5/02/25 Signatories: 13

Charlotte Cane [R]
Dr Roz Savage
Adam Dance
Christine Jardine
Anna Sabine
Pippa Heylings

Sarah Dyke

That this House notes the increasing reliance on battery storage facilities, particularly lithiumion technologies, to support renewable energy projects and grid stability; acknowledges the concerns raised by residents and emergency services in Ely and East Cambridgeshire regarding the safety implications of such sites; calls for such concerns to be recognised during the consideration of the planned Sunnica Energy Farm; recognises the risks posed by thermal runaway events, including fires, explosions, and the release of toxic gases; expresses alarm at the potential for soil and water contamination from firefighting runoff and chemical leaks; believes that the current regulatory framework governing battery storage safety is inadequate; calls on the Government to urgently review and update regulations to ensure robust safety standards for large-scale battery storage facilities, including clear guidance on site location, emergency response protocols, and environmental protection measures; and urges the Government to provide clarity on which department holds responsibility for these regulations, along with a timeline for their implementation, to ensure these facilities can contribute to greater renewable energy infrastructure and net zero targets while also safeguarding public safety.

771 Responders to Storm Éowyn

Tabled: 6/02/25 Signatories: 4

Carla Lockhart Jim Shannon Tonia Antoniazzi Gavin Robinson

That this House expresses its deep gratitude to all those who stepped up in the aftermath of Storm Éowyn, demonstrating remarkable resilience, dedication, and community spirit; recognises the extraordinary efforts of Northern Ireland Electricity engineers, call handlers, and all utility workers who worked around the clock to restore power and assist those affected;

commends the response of individuals, community groups, and businesses who provided hot meals, charging facilities, washing facilities, and warm spaces to those in need; acknowledges the emergency responders and statutory authorities for their swift action in ensuring public safety; pays tribute to the farmers who helped clear roads and supported their communities; welcomes the £1 million financial assistance package from the Minister for Communities, Gordon Lyons MLA, to aid those impacted; and thanks the UK Government for its role in securing mutual aid, ensuring that helicopters, generators, batteries, and additional engineers were swiftly deployed to support recovery efforts upon request from the NI Executive.

772 Mental health in farming

Tabled: 6/02/25 Signatories: 25

Sarah Dyke Graham Leadbitter Edward Morello Mr Alistair Carmichael Adam Dance Jess Brown-Fuller

Calum Miller

That this House recognises the mental health crisis among the British agricultural sector; acknowledges that 95% of farmers in the UK under the age of 40 ranked poor mental health as one of the biggest hidden problems facing the industry; is concerned by RABI's findings that revealed that one-in-five respondents to their Big Farming Survey knew someone within the sector who had taken their own life; further recognises the host of challenges facing British farmers from high energy, feed and fertiliser costs to unfair trade deals that have undercut the industry; understands that climate change has increased the risks of flooding and temperature increases that reduce crop yields and disrupt growing seasons; shows regret at the Government's recent proposed changes to APR and BPR that will have a negative impact on family farms across the country that are already struggling to be profitable; commends the work of mental health charities such as the Farm Safety Foundation whose annual Mind Your Head campaign aims to raise awareness of this growing issue within farming; and calls on the Government to reverse the changes to APR, increase the farming budget by £1 billion a year and improve access to mental health services in rural areas by supporting the continued roll-out of mental health hubs.

774 Mental health of women in farming

Tabled: 10/02/25 Signatories: 11

Sarah Dyke
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Helen Maguire
Liz Jarvis
Dr Roz Savage

Calum Miller

That this House recognises the urgent need to address the mental health crisis affecting women in British agriculture; acknowledges research by the University of Exeter and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) which highlights financial pressures, long working hours, social isolation, and gender inequalities as contributing factors to poor mental health among women in farming; notes with concern that 23% of women farmers suffer from severe anxiety, with 34.6% experiencing mild anxiety, affecting over half (58%) of women in farming; expresses alarm that loneliness is a leading factor, with 64.5% of women in farming who are often or always lonely experiencing anxiety; understands that additional concerns such as childcare responsibilities, non-farming employment, rural crime, and domestic violence further exacerbate these challenges; notes the Government's proposed cut to Agricultural Property Relief (APR), which risks financial devastation for small family farms, has only heightened the crisis present; regrets that women's mental health needs in farming have been historically overlooked; commends the University of Exeter and the Farming Community Network for their contemporary Understanding health and wellbeing among farm women: a life-course approach study and the Farm Safety Foundation for their Mind Your Head mental health awareness campaign during 10-14 February 2025; and calls on the Government to improve access for women to mental health services in rural areas by supporting the continued roll-out of mental health hubs, reverse the changes to APR, and increase the farming budget by £1 billion annually to help provide financial support for women in farming.

776 Female football boots

Tabled: 10/02/25 Signatories: 15

Helen Maguire Wera Hobhouse Jim Shannon Anna Sabine Ben Maguire Liz Jarvis

Victoria Collins

That this House recognises the growing participation of women and girls in football and the need for better accessibility to appropriate footwear; notes with concern that while female football boots can be purchased online from major retailers, there is often a very restricted

range and a general absence from high street stores; highlights that many high street shops do not stock football boots specifically designed for women or men's boots in sizes below size 6, making it difficult for women with smaller feet to find suitable options; acknowledges the physiological differences between male and female players and the importance of properly designed footwear to provide adequate support and performance; believes that women and girls should have the same ease of access to football boots as their male counterparts; and calls on retailers and manufacturers to improve the availability of football boots in stores to ensure all players can access appropriate footwear regardless of their size and sex.

778 Blue Flag status for rivers

Tabled: 10/02/25 Signatories: 13

Victoria Collins Ayoub Khan Wera Hobhouse Neil Duncan-Jordan Jim Shannon Helen Maguire

Sarah Dyke

That this House calls for a new Blue Flag status for rivers and chalk streams; notes that as globally rare and ecologically unique habitats, chalk streams are not only ripe contenders for the attribution of the status but fundamentally require the formal recognition for their survival, especially given the persistent sewage dumping scandals and good categorisation of only 14% of England's rivers; further notes the anticipated benefits of the Blue Flag status in advocating for enhanced responsibility and accountability from water companies, maintained via compliance checks and stringent environmental standards; and further calls on environmental champions to prioritise chalk streams, as pinnacles of biodiversity under threat, by raising awareness of the need for a new Blue Flag status.

780 Royal Mail's universal service obligation

Tabled: 10/02/25 Signatories: 20

Anna Sabine
Ayoub Khan
Christine Jardine
Wera Hobhouse
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Jim Shannon

Sarah Dyke Victoria Collins Shockat Adam

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House expresses its concern over Ofcom's proposed changes to Royal Mail's universal service obligation which would allow Royal Mail to alternate second-class deliveries, scrap

second-class deliveries on Saturday and reduce delivery targets for first and second-class post; acknowledges the importance of a reliable Royal Mail service for rural communities, the elderly, disabled and the vulnerable; laments that many households are not receiving an adequate level of postal and parcel service, often missing important post including medical appointments, prescriptions and bills; calls on the Government and Ofcom to work with Royal Mail to improve the quality of service, delivery targets and staff retention; and further acknowledges all the work that postal works and deliverers do for the community.

781 NHS targets

Tabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **25**

Helen Morgan
Jess Brown-Fuller
Dr Danny Chambers
Alison Bennett
Ayoub Khan
Wera Hobhouse

Sarah Dyke Victoria Collins Shockat Adam

Iqbal Mohamed

That this House acknowledges the abject failure of the last Conservative Government to meet NHS targets; notes that this failure reflected devastating mismanagement which left hospitals crumbling, operations cancelled, pensioners treated on trolleys in corridors, and doctors and nurses at breaking point; further notes that our NHS was once the envy of the world; regrets that, rather than show ambition in this moment of crisis, the Labour Government has been slow to take the action required to reach basic standards of diagnosis, treatment and waiting times; expresses alarm that the dropping of targets has seen community services, mental health, dementia, women's health and other areas of care deprioritised; further regrets that many patients will suffer as a result; believes the Government has not lived up to its promises on prevention and care in the community; calls on the Government to be more ambitious for our NHS, and reinstate the slashed targets; further calls on the Government to fix the crisis at both the front door and the back door of the NHS by investing in public health and early access to community services so fewer people need to go to hospital in the first place, and to fix the crisis in social care which sees so many people stuck in hospital beds or unable to cope; and further believes patients in this country deserve nothing less than a first class health service which delivers the highest standards of care whenever they need it.

782 Coroner's finding on SAS soldiers

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 3

Jim Allister Robin Swann Alex Easton

That this House notes the coroner's ruling in the case involving the death of four fully armed IRA terrorists who had launched a murderous attack on a police station; thanks the SAS for their courageous service in tackling terrorism in Northern Ireland; further notes the utilisation of the coronial service and lawfare to vilify the security forces; and calls on the Government to stand up for those who risked their lives to defeat terrorism.

783 National Heart Month

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon Ayoub Khan Gavin Robinson Christine Jardine

That this House recognises the importance of National Heart Month in the UK, celebrated in February each year and hosted by the British Heart Foundation; notes that this campaign raises awareness of heart-related health conditions, and promotes healthy living habits to help reduce the risk of heart diseases; highlights that around 7.6 million people in the UK have a heart or circulatory disease, including coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, and vascular dementia; further notes that in the UK someone dies from a heart or circulatory condition every 3 minutes and that there are things we can do to improve outcomes, such as learning CPR, donating to the many charities or attending fundraisers; thanks the British Heart Foundation and other charities for the incredible work they do to support those with heart diseases; and recognises that we can all play a role in raising awareness of this campaign.

784 70th anniversary of Killyleagh Girls Brigade

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 2

Jim Shannon Gavin Robinson

That this House celebrates the 70th anniversary of Killyleagh Girls Brigade, celebrated this month; notes that Killyleagh Parish supports the Girls Brigade Company in the town, which is linked to Killyleagh Presbyterian Church in the constituency of Strangford; highlights that the girls brigade is a Christian ministry among girls and young women, with members all around the world who work alongside churches in providing activities for girls aged 3-18 years old;

underlines the ability for girls brigades to remain relevant in today's society through meeting

the needs of the current generation whilst remaining rooted in unchanging values of Christian faith; and thanks Killyleagh Girls Brigade for their service to the local community and wishes them all the very best for the future.

785 Military sexual trauma

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 6

Cameron Thomas Ayoub Khan Helen Maguire Ian Roome Jess Brown-Fuller Christine Jardine

That this House notes that military sexual trauma refers to rape, sexual assault or sexual harassment experienced during military service; further notes that it is distinct owing to the self-contained nature of military life, the unique pressures of military training environments and operational theatres, professional and social hierarchical structures and loyalty to the service; also notes that these, amongst other factors, may leave personnel and family members uniquely vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation, cut off from regular avenues of support and unable to create distance between themselves and the perpetrators; and believes that the Ministry of Defence has a duty to (a) recognise military sexual trauma and its unique contributory factors, (b) take appropriate steps to safeguard those vulnerable to manipulation and exploitation, (c) support victims and (d) take action against perpetrators.

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Yorkshire Cancer Research's 100th anniversary

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 8

Tom Gordon
Helen Maguire
Wera Hobhouse
Jess Brown-Fuller
Adam Dance
Mr Clive Betts

Gill Furniss

Mr Luke Charters

That this House congratulates Yorkshire Cancer Research, based in Harrogate, on reaching its 100th anniversary this year; recognises the charity's work across the region since it was founded in 1925;

recognises and celebrates its role in funding research into cancer care and treatment and in pioneering new cancer prevention and diagnosis for the people of Yorkshire; commends its work across the region over the last 100 years to support those with cancer; further recognises

its role in providing a voice for Yorkshire and its communities and drawing attention to help those communities disproportionately affected by cancer; and also recognises its place as an essential charity in Yorkshire and beyond.

788 Child poverty in the West Midlands

Tabled: 11/02/25 Signatories: 3

Ayoub Khan Shockat Adam Igbal Mohamed

That this House expresses deep concern for the rise in child poverty rates throughout the West Midlands; regrets that, according to research conducted by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF), 38.5% of children in the region live in poverty, with the West Midlands constituting the only region throughout the UK that has seen poverty rates increase since the mid-1990s; is further concerned by JRF's projections that the child poverty rate is highly unlikely to fall by 2029; and urges the Government to collaborate with local and combined authorities, charitable organisations and private entities to develop a targeted strategy for reducing child poverty in the West Midlands.