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Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 13 February 2025

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[R] Indicates that a relevant interest has been declared.

New EDMs

799 **Refusal of Citizenship to refugees who have made irregular crossings**

Tabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **16**

Nadia Whittome

Ms Diane Abbott

Olivia Blake

Abtisam Mohamed

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Clive Lewis

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Grahame Morris

Ian Lavery

Zarah Sultana

Kim Johnson

John McDonnell

Brian Leishman

Ian Byrne

Richard Burgon

Andy McDonald

That this House expresses deep concern over the refusal of citizenship to refugees who have made irregular crossings to the UK; notes that this policy further punishes individuals whose claims of fleeing war, persecution, and danger have been upheld by the asylum system; further notes that, due to a lack of alternative safe routes, many people are forced to make unsafe crossings in order to claim asylum in the first place; notes with concern that the refusal of citizenship denies these same individuals security and a safe, permanent home; and urges the Government to reconsider this policy.

800 Launch of RM MediaTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **2****Wendy Chamberlain****Tom Gordon**

That this House welcomes the launch of RM Media by Horia Mosadiq and Nahid Baqi, two human rights activists and journalists, last week; notes that the media platform aims to reflect the realities of life in Afghanistan and provide a space for freedom of expression and human rights; recognises that the platform is committed to ethical and investigative journalism, as well as being a voice for the voiceless; and celebrates that the media outlet operates in English, Pashto and Persian, making it accessible to many, and also produces a radio podcast covering Afghanistan's cultural, social and human rights issues.

801 Edinburgh Zoo's capybarasTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **4****Christine Jardine****Tom Gordon****Wendy Chamberlain****Adam Dance**

That this House celebrates the recent addition of two seven-month-old capybaras, yet to be named, to Edinburgh Zoo; recognizes the work of Edinburgh Zoo towards conservation, education and the promotion of biodiversity; commends the outstanding conservation efforts of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS), who run Edinburgh Zoo, to reverse the decline of at least 50 endangered species by 2030; hopes the capybaras' addition will increase awareness of the pioneering work carried out by the RZSS at Edinburgh Zoo; and wishes all the best for their zookeepers, the entire Edinburgh Zoo Community and the two siblings in their new habitat.

802 Inspection of Hyndland Secondary SchoolTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **1****Patricia Ferguson**

That this House notes that Hyndland Secondary School in the Glasgow West constituency has been rated as excellent in two categories in a recent inspection report by Education Scotland; further notes that the school received these grades in the areas of learning, teaching and assessment and in raising attainment and achievement; recognises that the school is the first Scottish school in almost a decade to receive an excellent rating for teaching, learning and assessment; also notes that the twenty-five percent of the school students are from the most deprived data zones and that, for a high proportion, English is a second language; and congratulates the entire school community for its hard work and success.

803 UAE imprisonment of Ryan CorneliusTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **2****Munira Wilson**
Calum Miller

That this House notes with concern that Ryan Cornelius, a British citizen, remains imprisoned in the United Arab Emirates, notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that he has been arbitrarily detained, and notwithstanding a finding by the United Nations that Mr Cornelius should be immediately released and provided with compensation and other reparations in accordance with international law; calls upon the UAE government to release Mr Cornelius in accordance with international law; further calls upon the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to secure the release of Mr Cornelius; and asks the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs to raise this matter with his Emirati counterpart.

804 Prostate cancer screening and men's health supportTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **2****Manuela Perteghella**
Tom Gordon

That this House acknowledges the vital work of the South Warwickshire Prostate Cancer Support Group in raising awareness of prostate cancer and supporting those affected; recognises the urgent need for a National Prostate Cancer Screening Programme to improve early detection and save lives; calls for enhanced GP training on PSA testing to ensure timely and accurate diagnoses; stresses the importance of greater mental health resources for men and their families coping with a prostate cancer diagnosis; further supports the Boys Need Bins campaign, advocating for sanitary bins in male toilets across public and private venues to improve hygiene and dignity for those managing medical and personal needs; and urges the Government to take immediate action to implement these crucial reforms to improve men's health and well-being across the UK.

805 120 years of Boroughmuir High SchoolTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **1****Dr Scott Arthur**

That this House congratulates Boroughmuir High School on its recent celebration to mark 120 years since the school's; recognises the longstanding success of the school and its alumni; and wishes it well for many more years to come.

806 Centenary of Murrayfield StadiumTabled: **13/02/25** Signatories: **2****Christine Jardine [R]****Adam Dance**

That this House celebrates the 100th anniversary of the opening of Murrayfield Stadium on 21st March 1925; notes that the first event held at Murrayfield was a Five Nations match between Scotland and England, which saw Scotland win the Calcutta Cup during their first Five Nations Grand Slam; further notes the Stadium has remained the home of the Scottish Rugby Union ever since; notes the stadium has welcomed a number of other major sporting events including football, American football and matches three Rugby World Cups; celebrates the wide range of musicians which have performed at the Stadium including David Bowie, Taylor Swift, the Spice Girls and Oasis, as well as the final Live 8 concert in 2005; further celebrates the positive economic impact of these events on the city, with events between June and December 2024 adding £120.4 million to the economy; further notes the economic impact of visitors from outside Scotland to the Stadium was £41.9 million; and wishes the Scottish Rugby Union and the team at Murrayfield continued success in the future.

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.

728 Renaming Heathrow Airport after Queen Elizabeth IITabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **22****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon****Jim Allister****Andrew Rosindell****John Slinger****Robin Swann**

Alex Easton

That this House remembers with gratitude the 70 years of service Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II gave to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth; gives thanks for her commitment and dedication over seven decades; acknowledges that Tuesday 21 April 2026 will be the 100th anniversary of Her late Majesty's birth; supports the calls of the hon. Member for Newcastle-under-Lyme to mark this anniversary by renaming Heathrow Airport after Her late Majesty as a fitting tribute to a lifetime of service; and fondly remembers the contribution to our United Kingdom made by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II over 70 long and glorious years.

729 World Cancer Day and Leukaemia UK's Take Action, Save Lives reportTabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **41**

Clive Jones [R]
Sorcha Eastwood
Helen Maguire
Steve Darling
Ian Roome
Martin Wrigley

Mike Martin

That this House recognises that World Cancer Day is held on 4 February; welcomes the launch of Leukaemia UK's report, Take Action, Save Lives, which highlights the need for a National Cancer Strategy with commitments to save and improve the lives of those affected by leukaemia; notes that nearly 60,000 people are affected by leukaemia in the UK, and 10,000 people are newly diagnosed every year, while it mainly affects adults, leukaemia is the most common childhood cancer; expresses concern that if no action is taken nearly 80% of those diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) today, will not survive this Parliament; appreciates that the five-year survival rate of AML, 22%, is one of the lowest of all cancers; urges the Government to adopt the report's recommendations, including a commitment to double the 5-year survival of AML from 22% to 44%; and encourages all Members of Parliament to attend Leukaemia UK's drop-in event in Parliament on World Cancer Day.

731 World Cancer Day 2025Tabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **14**

Jim Shannon
Neil Duncan-Jordan
Tom Morrison
Manuela Perteghella
Mary Kelly Foy
Christine Jardine

Ben Lake
Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

That this House notes World Cancer Day 2025, celebrated on 4 February; highlights that cancer is more than just a medical diagnosis, behind every diagnosis lies a unique human story, with the same hope but different outcomes; underlines that about one in five people develop cancer in their lifetime, and approximately one in nine men and one in 12 women die from the disease; further notes that on World Cancer Day, everyone can make a difference by sharing their stories and spreading the word; and urges Government to continue providing funding and research into further cancer study, to ensure we can live in a world where millions of cancer deaths are prevented.

738 Early detection of heart valve diseaseTabled: **3/02/25** Signatories: **9**

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

Ayoub Khan

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 HealthcareTabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Anna Sabine

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.

749 **Hospital maintenance**

Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **29**

Helen Morgan

Jess Brown-Fuller

Alison Bennett

Dr Danny Chambers

Ian Roome

Wera Hobhouse

Pippa Heylings

That this House notes the appalling state of repair of NHS hospitals across the country; notes that the NHS maintenance backlog has reached £13.8bn; further notes that decaying and inadequate facilities threaten the safety of patients and staff; believes it is an outrage that overcrowded hospitals must close operating theatres because they are no longer fit for use; regrets the last Conservative government's record of starved repair budgets and exploding maintenance backlogs, which made sewage leaks, cracked walls, crumbling ceilings, and sinking floors commonplace; further regrets that patients have suffered a double betrayal on the New Hospital Programme, of broken promises under the last Conservative government and of dither and delay under this government; also regrets the cost to the NHS of papering over the cracks and keeping hospitals running past their natural lifespan; calls on the government to ensure no one is treated in broken, uncomfortable and unsafe facilities; and further calls on the government to reverse their delay and urgently deliver the new hospitals that patients have long been promised.

751 Drug-resistant superbugsTabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **21****Dr Danny Chambers****Ian Roome****Dr Roz Savage****Steve Darling****Adam Dance****Jess Brown-Fuller**

Liz Saville Roberts

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Ann Davies

That this House recognises the urgent and growing challenge posed by drug-resistant superbugs emerging from the conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere, which have significantly impacted patient treatment and healthcare systems across Europe; acknowledges the severity of injuries sustained in the war and the subsequent need for medical care across multiple European nations, having at times left doctors and patients with no viable antibiotic options for life- and limb-threatening infections; notes that the UK has extensive experience in tackling antimicrobial resistance and that UK scientists have demonstrated how these superbugs can affect hospitals in the UK, leading to critical disruptions in surgical theatres and high-dependency units; further notes the UK's long-standing leadership in the discovery of antibiotics, investment in research, and development of rapid, cost-effective testing to combat such infections; welcomes the signing of the 100 Year Partnership between the UK and Ukraine in January this year and the opportunity it presents to improve infection control in hospitals, and enhance access to new diagnostic tests and antibiotic treatments to combat these infections; and calls on the Government to prioritise collaboration with Ukrainian healthcare professionals and our European partners to combat the spread of drug-resistant infections, ensuring that both Ukrainian and UK hospitals are better equipped with the necessary situational awareness/knowledge, tools, expertise, and antibiotics to safeguard public health.

752 National Apprenticeships Week 2025Tabled: **4/02/25** Signatories: **34****Ian Sollom****Ian Roome****Dr Roz Savage****Steve Darling****Claire Young****Adam Dance**

Pippa Heylings

Ben Lake

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Ann Davies

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: **34**

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

Ben Lake
Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

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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: **16**

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

Chris Coghlan

Luke Akehurst

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.

757 Proposals to forcibly displace and ethnically cleanse Palestinians from Gaza

Tabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **53**

Richard Burgon
Imran Hussain
Apsana Begum
Andy McDonald
Zarah Sultana
Nadia Whittome

Liz Saville Roberts
Ann Davies

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Maureen Burke

That this House rejects the proposals for Gaza by President Trump on 4 February 2025; deplores the inhumanity and illegality of any efforts to forcibly displace and ethnically cleanse Palestinians from Gaza; affirms the provisions of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, that individual or mass forcible transfers or deportations of protected persons from occupied territory are prohibited, regardless of their motive; expresses grave concern over the risk of destabilisation not only of the recently achieved ceasefire agreement but of wider regional peace; and calls on the Government unequivocally to reject such proposals and take action to oppose any efforts to forcibly displace and ethnically cleanse Palestinians from Gaza.

757A1 [Amendment]

Tabled: **6/02/25** Signatories: **1**

Mr Alistair Carmichael

at end add 'and urges the Government immediately to recognise Palestine as a state on the 1967 borders and accordingly to advance a two-state solution.'

763 US proposals for GazaTabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **71**

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

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

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 WeekTabled: **5/02/25** Signatories: **31**

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

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

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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.

772 Mental health in farmingTabled: **6/02/25** Signatories: **30**

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

Ellie Chowns
Llinos Medi

Ben Lake
Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

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.

773 Recognition for World War I servicemen affected by PTSDTabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **5**

Natasha Irons
Christine Jardine
Jim Shannon
Douglas McAllister
Mary Kelly Foy

That this House acknowledges the commendable efforts of Mr Michael Lyons, a dedicated local veteran in leading the Final Roll Call campaign which seeks to secure recognition for World War I servicemen who, due to the psychological trauma now understood as PTSD, were unjustly institutionalised and omitted from honour rolls and memorials; notes that many of these servicemen were sent to asylums such as Cane Hill, where they were wrongly branded as cowards, and their sacrifices were erased from history; highlights that Mr Lyons has tirelessly worked to ensure these forgotten heroes are finally given the recognition they deserve; observes that his campaign has already succeeded in commemorating 26 such men, with another 8 awaiting rightful recognition; supports fully Mr Lyons' efforts and believes that these veterans,

who gave so much for their country, should be honoured just like any other who served during the war; and calls for their suffering and sacrifice not be forgotten simply because of the historical lack of understanding of mental health.

774 Mental health of women in farming

Tabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Ellie Chowns
Llinos Medi

Ben Lake
Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts
Wendy Chamberlain

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 bootsTabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **17**

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

Pippa Heylings

Ellie Chowns

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 riversTabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **15**

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

Pippa Heylings

Ellie Chowns

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 obligationTabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **23****Anna Sabine****Ayoub Khan****Christine Jardine****Wera Hobhouse****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon**

Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Ann Davies

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 targetsTabled: **10/02/25** Signatories: **28****Helen Morgan****Jess Brown-Fuller****Dr Danny Chambers****Alison Bennett****Ayoub Khan****Wera Hobhouse**

Ellie Chowns

Jim Shannon

Wendy Chamberlain

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.

783 **National Heart Month**

Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **9**

Jim Shannon
Ayoub Khan
Gavin Robinson
Christine Jardine
Ellie Chowns
Ben Lake

Liz Saville Roberts

Llinos Medi

Ann Davies

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.

785 **Military sexual trauma**

Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **8**

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

Ellie Chowns

Jim Shannon

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.

786 Abolition of district councils

Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **3**

Ayoub Khan
Ellie Chowns
Iqbal Mohamed

That this House notes with concern the Government's proposals as outlined in the English Devolution White Paper to abolish district councils across England; acknowledges that the Government has no electoral mandate to implement such sweeping changes to local governance as it was not in the Labour Party's 2024 manifesto; further notes the lack of evidence supporting claims that these proposals will result in cost savings or more efficient decision-making processes for local communities; believes that this plan would remove crucial decision-making powers from local communities, significantly reduce the number of councillors representing local interests, and instead concentrate power into the hands of a small number of elected Mayors with authority over vast geographical areas; asserts that the abolition of district councils would undermine the principles of local democracy by distancing decision-making from those it directly affects; calls on the Government to reconsider these proposals and engage meaningfully with local stakeholders to ensure that any devolution plans truly empower communities rather than dilute their influence; and urges all hon. Members to advocate for a model of local governance that maintains local accountability, local accessibility, and local effectiveness.

787 Yorkshire Cancer Research's 100th anniversary

Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **11**

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

Jim Shannon

Fabian Hamilton

Jon Trickett

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: **5**

Ayoub Khan
Shokat Adam
Iqbal Mohamed
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon

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.

789 The Hawkers' fundraising for Strathcarron Hospice and local charities

Tabled: **11/02/25** Signatories: **4**

Euan Stainbank
Douglas McAllister
Mary Kelly Foy
Jim Shannon

That this House commends Falkirk band The Hawkers for raising £100 for Strathcarron Hospice through keyring sales at their 2024 concerts; recognises their ongoing support for local charities, including their collaboration with Home2Hospital, a Larbert-based charity providing transport for cancer patients across Scotland; and applauds the band for their continued efforts to raise awareness and funds to benefit the community.

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

Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **2**

Carla Lockhart
Jim Shannon

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: **4**

Steve Darling
Ian Roome
Helen Maguire
Jim Shannon

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: **7**

Ruth Jones
Ellie Chowns
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Liz Saville Roberts
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Ann Davies

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: **9**

Rebecca Long Bailey

Ellie Chowns

Kim Johnson

Andy McDonald

Brian Leishman

Mary Kelly Foy

Jon Trickett

Liz Jarvis

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

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 high-quality 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: **3**

Dave Robertson

Mary Kelly Foy

Jim Shannon

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.

796 Emergency Palestinian Family Visa Scheme

Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **8**

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Ellie Chowns
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Ann Davies

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 Remembrance of former lobby correspondent Mike Steele

Tabled: **12/02/25** Signatories: **7**

Clive Efford
Pete Wishart
Nick Smith
Mr Alistair Carmichael
Mary Kelly Foy
Jon Trickett

Jim Shannon

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: **7**

Gideon Amos

Ayoub Khan

Wera Hobhouse

Adam Dance

Helen Maguire

Jim Shannon

Tom Gordon

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.