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Early Day Motions tabled on Tuesday 13 May 2025

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New EDMs

1252 **Rob Dunkley fundraising**

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **1**

Graham Leadbitter

That this House congratulates 21-year old Rob Dunkley, of Auldearn, on his efforts to raise funds and awareness for Medical Aid for Palestine; notes that Rob will be walking 200 miles from Inverness to Orkney as part of his bid to raise money for the charity; commends his efforts as part of his first ever fundraiser; and wishes him success for the walk.

1253 **Reductions to CrossCountry trains catering services**

Tabled: **13/05/25** Signatories: **4**

Rachael Maskell

John McDonnell

Mary Kelly Foy

Grahame Morris

That this House is concerned that CrossCountry trains is the latest passenger train operator to announce cuts to the provision of on-board catering services on long-distance rail services; is further concerned that these short-sighted cuts risks hundreds of railway jobs, while pushing passengers away from the railway network; notes that the provision of rail catering services across the industry has been under attack for many years by train companies seeking to cut costs and staffing at the expense of passenger service; further notes that there has already

been a significant reduction in catering services since privatisation 30 years ago, with nearly all restaurant areas on trains abolished and the traditional buffet counter now also disappearing on many services; believes the availability of snacks, drinks and in some cases light meals is an added value to the travel experience on our railways; further believes that on-board catering workers should be celebrated by train operators as an important part of the on-board team, offering passengers excellent customer service and providing reassurance; and calls on CrossCounty to reverse these cuts and on the Government to ensure that Great British Railways presides over expanded and properly funded catering provision, staffed in-house.

1254 **Service with the British Commanders'-In-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany, 1946-1990**

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 1

Ben Obese-Jecty

That this House recognises the courage, service and commitment of the service personnel who served in the British Commanders'-in-Chief Mission to the Soviet Forces in Germany (BRIXMIS) in East Germany during the Cold War; further recognises the high risk involved in the conduct of the intelligence collection patrols campaign against Warsaw-Pact forces, unarmed, without protective equipment or communications devices; highlights the vital value of the raw, actionable intelligence gathered; also recognises that the East German secret police and military forces were directed to kill or injure members of the Allied Military Liaison Missions, British (BRIXMIS), United States (USMLM) and French (FMLM) military personnel; notes that the duration of the operation which spanned from September 1946 to October 1990 saw the award of 58 OBE, MBE and BEM awards and honours, but leaves around 900 former service personnel with no formal recognition of their endeavour; highlights that there is a precedent for the award of a clasp to the General Service Medal for non-kinetic operations; and recommends that there should be an award of a BRIXMIS clasp for the General Service Medal, with all those who served during the campaign eligible for receipt of the clasp.

1255 **Blunt Knives campaign and knife crime awareness**

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 1

Tristan Osborne

That this House calls on the Government to support the introduction of blunt-tipped knives, particularly in kitchens, to reduce the risk of knife-related injuries and deaths, particularly in the context of knife crime; and believes that, by making knives less dangerous, even in a domestic setting, the potential for severe injuries from knife attacks can be reduced, potentially deterring some individuals from using them in violent situations.

1256 Negotiating rights for police officers

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 9

Liz Saville Roberts**Rachael Maskell****Cat Smith****Kim Johnson****Mary Glindon****Grahame Morris**

John McDonnell

Ian Lavery

Andy McDonald

That this House notes that pay and conditions for police officers in England and Wales are subject to recommendations by the Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB) and that its letter of remit each year is drafted by the Home Office, directing it to look at specific areas of pay and conditions and within established parameters; further notes that, while the PRRB can step outside of the areas and limits within this letter, its recommendations need approval by the Secretary of State for the Home Department; believes these restrictions at both the beginning and end of the process remove any true independence from the PRRB; also notes that PRRB recommendations are not binding and there is no right of appeal or arbitration; notes that police officers have no right to take industrial action and that, before the PRRB was introduced in 2014, police pay and conditions were resolved through a Police Negotiating Board and subject to binding arbitration, which is still used in Scotland; further believes that the PRRB process should be reviewed to allow for consultation and collective bargaining, with a system of binding arbitration introduced; insists that this is not asking for a blank cheque or for agreement to unreasonable demands but rather for a compensatory mechanism for the lack of any ability to take industrial action; and calls on the Government to enter into formal negotiations with the Police Federation of England and Wales with a view to reforming the current PRRB system to include binding arbitration.

1257 Torbay Hospital Nurses League 80th anniversary

Tabled: 13/05/25 Signatories: 1

Steve Darling

That this House celebrates the 80th anniversary of the Torbay Hospital Nurses League; notes with admiration that the League has been in existence longer than the NHS itself and is open to all qualified nurses who either trained at Torbay Hospital or were employed there for more than two years; further notes that it is believed to be the longest-running nurses league in the UK, with over 200 members worldwide, including individuals who completed their training as far back as the 1940s; commends the League and its members for their commitment to improving patient and staff experiences, including through the donation of fleece blankets for end-of-life care, matching crocheted hearts for patients and families, emergency clothing and toiletries, dementia support packs, and items to enhance the staff working environment, all funded through craft fairs and coffee mornings held throughout the year; wishes them every success with their 80th anniversary reunion, including the commemorative church service and

celebratory meal; and pays tribute to the invaluable contribution of nurses in Torbay and across the UK, and thanks them for their continued dedication, compassion, and professionalism.

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.

1168 Congratulating Prime Minister Mark Carney

Tabled: **29/04/25** Signatories: **30**

Helen Maguire

Calum Miller

Sarah Dyke

Adam Dance

Jess Brown-Fuller

Wera Hobhouse

James MacCleary

That this House congratulates Prime Minister Mark Carney on his victory in the Canadian elections; reflects with gratitude on the deep historic and culture ties between our countries; celebrates our shared values and joint commitment to liberalism, free trade and democracy; strongly supports the strengthening of ties between the UK and Canada, including on defence and trade; further supports Prime Minister Carney's willingness to stand up for Canadian interests in the face of annexation and economic threats from US President Donald Trump; and urges the Government to adopt this same approach in its dealings with President Trump, including calling on the President to end his damaging global trade war and to recommit to support for Ukraine.

1180 Transparency of data-based and data-driven policing systems

Tabled: **30/04/25** Signatories: **15**

Clive Lewis

Siân Berry

Ayoub Khan

David Davis

Jeremy Corbyn

Kim Johnson

Margaret Mullane

Ms Diane Abbott

Kate Osborne

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House recognises there is a significant lack of transparency around the use of geographic and individual data-based and data-driven policing systems, that people do

not know about the use of them in their community, or whether they have individually been targeted, that people do not know how, or are unable to, seek information about the data held on them by police forces and other authorities in the criminal legal system and that there should be a statutory obligation on police forces and other related authorities across England and Wales to register and publish details about all the predictive, profiling and risk prediction systems they are developing or using on a publicly available register and that notification should be given to all those who have been processed through these system and to those given risk scores.

1181 Trans+ History WeekTabled: **30/04/25** Signatories: **51****Kate Osborne****Charlotte Nichols****Nadia Whittome****Emily Thornberry****Catherine Fookes****Emily Darlington**

Cat Eccles

Sarah Green

Tristan Osborne

Michael Payne

That this House welcomes the second annual Trans+ History Week; notes the week held from 5 to 11 May 2025 will celebrate the millenia-old history and contributions of transgender, non-binary, gender-diverse and intersex people; highlights the ongoing challenges faced by Trans+ communities that includes high rates in hate crimes and threats to their rights; encourages efforts to protect Trans+ rights as well as ensuring Trans+ histories are included in education public life; and further welcomes Trans+ History Week efforts to ensure that all Trans+ people can thrive in a future of dignity respect and equality.

1182 Launch of The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to Rebuilding the NHS reportTabled: **30/04/25** Signatories: **13****Richard Burdon****Ian Byrne****Neil Duncan-Jordan****Kim Johnson****Imran Hussain****Ellie Chowns**

Nadia Whittome

That this House welcomes the publication of the report The Rational Policy-Maker's Guide to Rebuilding the NHS; supports the report's main conclusions that under the 1997-2010 government the NHS improved hugely, public satisfaction went from all-time lows to all-time highs, in the early 2010s international comparisons regularly ranked the NHS as world-class;

notes the report's clear conclusion that the source of the improvement in NHS output was overwhelmingly due to increased funding, and not from greater involvement of the private sector, that the Private Finance Initiative was uneconomic, that using public money to build private sector capacity is expensive and worsens care; further notes that the NHS should be publicly run, publicly funded and free at the point of use; rejects calls for any greater role for the private sector in the NHS; and encourages all hon. Members to read the report and for policy-makers to act in line with its recommendations and findings.

1184 **Climate and Nature Bill**

Tabled: **1/05/25** Signatories: **54**

Clive Lewis

Dr Roz Savage

Alex Sobel

Olivia Blake

Nadia Whittome

Dr Simon Opher

Sarah Green

Claire Young

Max Wilkinson

That this House declared an environment and climate change emergency on 1 May 2019, recognising the urgent need for action; notes that the Second Reading debate of the Climate and Nature Bill was adjourned, but not concluded, on 24 January 2025; further notes that the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs was disappointed that the Bill did not progress; acknowledges the Government's recognition of the climate and nature crisis as our greatest, long-term, global challenge, but that climate and nature policies remain siloed; welcomes the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero's commitment to collaborate with the Bill's proponents to advance its objectives, including via legislation, alongside the Government's acceleration of four related workstreams, and an annual climate and nature statement; reaffirms the Government's obligations to limit global warming to 1.5°C under the Paris Agreement, and to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030 under the Global Biodiversity Framework; also welcomes Ministers' statements that legally-binding climate goals and nature goals provide certainty, spur investment, address market failures and deliver policy outcomes; notes with concern the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' recognition that Britain is among the world's most nature-depleted countries, and the Prime Minister's warning that exceeding 1.5°C will expose thousands of people in the UK to flood risk, economic instability, and national security threats; and therefore urges the Government to allocate parliamentary time for further debate on the Climate and Nature Bill to address these critical challenges.

1191 Safe sleep standards in early years settings

Tabled: 6/05/25 Signatories: 23

Tom Morrison**Helen Maguire****Liz Jarvis****Jim Shannon****Adam Dance****Clive Jones**

James MacCleary

John Milne

That this House expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of nine-month-old Genevieve (Gigi) Meehan, who tragically died in May 2022 while in the care of a nursery in Cheadle, Greater Manchester; pays tribute to her mother Katie Wheeler and father John Meehan for their courage and determination in campaigning for change to prevent further tragedies; acknowledges the vital support and expertise of the Lullaby Trust in championing safer sleep guidance; notes with serious concern the failings in nursery safety standards and oversight that led to Gigi's death, including dangerous sleep practices and a lack of proper monitoring; also notes with concern that there have been 5,795 allegations of children being harmed in nursery settings in the last five years; believes urgent reform is needed to ensure consistent, enforceable safer sleep standards across early years settings; calls on the Government and Ofsted to conduct a full review of current guidance and practice; and further calls for mandatory safer sleep training for all early years staff and inspectors, compulsory installation of CCTV in all nurseries and early years settings, routine review of CCTV footage during inspections, regular genuinely unannounced Ofsted visits where concerns have been raised, and clear, statutory guidance on safe sleep practices and products for babies under two.

1195 Better Jobs, Better Services campaign

Tabled: 6/05/25 Signatories: 24

Kim Johnson**John McDonnell****Rachael Maskell****Bell Ribeiro-Addy****Apsana Begum****Grahame Morris**

Sadik Al-Hassan

That this House notes that the Government has committed to oversee the biggest wave of insourcing for a generation; welcomes the RMT's new Better Jobs, Better Services campaign, calling for an end to outsourcing of essential rail services such as cleaning, station staffing, catering, security, infrastructure and engineering across the rail and metro networks; further notes that RMT research shows outsourcing has cost the taxpayer and farepayer £400 million annually in profits leaking out of the rail industry, the equivalent of a 3.8 per cent fare cut, while insourcing and integrating these services with the rest of the network would provide better

quality, safety and value for money; also notes concerns that outsourcing is driven by employers engaging workers on inferior terms and conditions, such as poor sick pay and pensions, and that outsourcing could be embedding systemic racism on parts of the rail network where workers are disproportionately from a BME background; is encouraged that cleaning, station, catering, infrastructure and engineering services are already provided in-house, or there are discussions to do so, on many parts of the parts of the network; and therefore calls on the Government and devolved transport authorities to extend the policy of building an integrated and publicly-owned railway network to also become a vehicle to end rail outsourcing, delivering better jobs and services.

1196 World Asthma Day 2025Tabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **11****Jim Shannon****Rachael Maskell****Robin Swann****Chris Kane****Ellie Chowns****Claire Young**

Mr Gregory Campbell

Jim Allister

That this House notes World Asthma Day 2025 on 6 May, and its theme, Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for All; understands that 7.2 million people in the UK are living with asthma and that it is the most common long-term childhood health condition; regrets that, despite four people dying daily from asthma, of which the majority are preventable according to data from Asthma + Lung UK, 70% of people with asthma are not receiving all three basic elements of asthma care, including an annual review, inhaler technique check and written action plan; supports efforts to extend better care to all those living with asthma, and the implementation of new asthma guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, British Thoracic Society and Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network; and recognises the work of charities such as Asthma + Lung UK to improve asthma prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care across the country.

1199 Legal protection of the nurse job title

Tabled: 6/05/25 Signatories: 32

Dawn Butler**Paulette Hamilton****Tulip Siddiq****Mrs Sharon Hodgson****Barry Gardiner****Juliet Campbell**

Josh Babarinde

Andrew George

Jon Trickett

That this House notes with concern that the job title of nurse is not currently a legally protected term, despite the high levels of public trust placed in the profession; further notes that, while the title of registered nurse is protected, the widespread and unregulated use of the term nurse by individuals without appropriate qualifications and registration on parts one and two of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register poses a serious risk to patient safety and undermines the integrity of the profession; recognises the findings of a Nursing Standard freedom of information request that revealed over 8,000 individuals across 93% of NHS trusts are using the title of nurse without being registered; is alarmed that individuals struck off the NMC register, including those with criminal convictions, can continue to use the title without legal consequence; acknowledges that the term nurse is protected in many other countries as a means of safeguarding the public; supports the Protect Nurse campaign backed by professional bodies, patient safety organisations, unions and the Royal College of Nursing; believes exemptions should apply for the use of the designations such as veterinary nurse and dental nurse; and calls on the Government to support the Nurse (Use of Title) Bill in the name of the hon. Member for Brent East to include nurse as a protected professional title, thereby ensuring that only those registered on part one and two of the NMC register may legally use the term.

1202 Sewage discharge

Tabled: 6/05/25 Signatories: 21

Mr Lee Dillon**Mr Joshua Reynolds****Adam Dance****Helen Maguire****Tom Gordon****Gideon Amos**

Jon Trickett

That this House notes with grave concern the 450,000 sewage discharges from storm overflows recorded in England during 2024; further notes with alarm the 512 sewage discharges into waterbodies in Newbury from just eight storm overflows, lasting 8,981 hours in total; expresses particular concern about these discharges affecting Newbury's internationally significant chalk streams, which require special environmental protection; condemns the Government's continued failure to take decisive action to stop water companies from dumping raw sewage

into our rivers, lakes and seas; and calls on the Government to introduce mandatory monitoring of all sewage outlets, legally binding targets to reduce sewage discharges, and proper enforcement of existing regulations.

1203 Glasgow Open Justice CentreTabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **3****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon****John Grady**

That this House commends the Glasgow Open Justice Centre at the University of Glasgow School of Law for winning the Best Contribution by a Law School at the 2025 Law Works and Attorney General's Student Pro Bono Awards; acknowledges the Centre's mission to empower communities and individuals to use the law to access justice and achieve social and economic inclusion; notes the significant expansion of their pro bono outreach since 2023, with 140 students engaged in 14 different projects, including a programme of Community Legal Education for homeless service users in partnership with the Marie Trust charity; and congratulates the students and staff involved for their dedication and contributions to pro bono activities.

1204 Emma Ritch Law ClinicTabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **3****Martin Rhodes****Jim Shannon****John Grady**

That this House commends the Emma Ritch Law Clinic at the University of Glasgow School of Law for being highly commended by the judges in the Best New Pro Bono Activity category at the 2025 Law Works and Attorney General's Student Pro Bono Awards; recognises the Clinic's pioneering work as the first of its kind in the UK, providing independent legal advice and representation in sexual violence cases, supporting more than 30 individual clients and advocacy workers in relation to often complex issues of criminal evidence and procedure; notes that students overwhelmingly report the value of their experiential learning through the pro bono activities; and congratulates the students and staff involved for their dedication and contributions to pro bono activities.

1205 Publication of the Police Ombudsman's Report on the Kingsmill MassacreTabled: **6/05/25** Signatories: **7****Gavin Robinson****Carla Lockhart****Sammy Wilson****Jim Shannon****Jim Allister****Andrew Rosindell****Mr Gregory Campbell**

That this House notes the publication of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland's report into the Kingsmill massacre of 5 January 1976, in which ten Protestant workmen were brutally murdered by the IRA; acknowledges the courage and enduring dignity of the sole survivor, Mr Alan Black, whose testimony and persistence have been instrumental in the pursuit of justice; expresses deep concern at the findings of the report which highlight the inadequate police investigation that followed the atrocity; further recognises the Ombudsman's conclusions regarding systemic failings and lost investigative opportunities; regrets the prolonged decade delay in the publication of the report, in part due to the withholding of vital information by the Irish Government; and calls on all relevant authorities, both in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, to cooperate fully and transparently in any ongoing or future efforts to secure accountability and justice for the victims and their families.

1217 Electoral reformTabled: **7/05/25** Signatories: **31****Sarah Olney****Tom Gordon****Wera Hobhouse****Ian Roome****Adam Dance****Clive Jones****James MacCleary****Dr Danny Chambers**

That this House believes there is urgent need for electoral reform for elections in England; further believes that the local and mayoral elections which took place across England on 1 May 2025 are the latest result to highlight the inadequacy of the current system, showing a record breaking fragmentation of the vote; notes with concern that three in five English people did not vote for the candidate who won in their local, mayoral, and parliamentary elections, of the 1,282 contested wards in last week's elections, the average two-party vote share was just 36.8% which is the lowest on record; urges the Government to bring forward legislation to reform the electoral system via proportional representation for UK general elections as well as local elections in England; and calls on the Government to outline what plans they have to reform the electoral system to make it more representative of the British electorate and deliver fair votes.

1219 **Mental Health Awareness Week 2025**

Tabled: 7/05/25 Signatories: 15

Sojan Joseph
Dr Simon Opher
Jim Shannon
Colum Eastwood
Chris Kane
Ellie Chowns

Tristan Osborne

That this House recognises that Mental Health Awareness Week is between 12 and 19 May 2025; notes that the theme for this year is community; believes that being part of a safe, positive community is vital for our mental health and wellbeing; further believes that people thrive when they have strong connections with other people and supportive communities to remind them that they are not alone; notes with concern that while most online communities are accommodating places, 76 percent of secondary school teachers are extremely concerned about the influence of online misogyny on their schools; encourages those who do feel alone to seek out support; calls for increased support for community mental health services to ensure there is a shift in mental health care from hospitals to the local community; further recognises the important role that Mental Health Awareness Week plays in bringing attention to mental health; and pays tribute to all those working in this sector.

1221 **Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia**

Tabled: 8/05/25 Signatories: 6

Adam Jogee
Peter Lamb
Jim Shannon
Luke Akehurst
Oliver Ryan
Tristan Osborne

That this House congratulates the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, on his historic victory and successful re-election in the Australian General Election held on Saturday 3 May 2025; notes the increase in seats in the House of Representatives and swing to the Australian Labor Party that Prime Minister Albanese secured; acknowledges the strong bonds of solidarity, comradeship and friendship between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth of Australia; reflects that six Australian Prime Ministers were born in the UK including Billy Hughes and Tony Abbott in England, Julia Gillard in Wales, George Reid and Andrew Fisher in England and Joseph Cook in Newcastle-under-Lyme; recognises the importance of increased trade and economic security for working people in both counties; commits to working with Australia's elected representatives to help secure peace and prosperity in the Euro-Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific; and looks forward

to both governments, both parliaments and both peoples working closely together in the years ahead.

1223 Rail ticket prices

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **6**

Shockat Adam

Jeremy Corbyn

Ayoub Khan

Iqbal Mohamed

Jon Trickett

Ellie Chowns

That this House notes with concern the continued increase in rail ticket prices across the UK; further notes that the cost of rail travel has become unaffordable for many people, placing an unfair burden on those who rely on public transport; recognises that high rail fares risk undermining efforts to promote greener transport and reduce dependency on cars; acknowledges that not only are prices increasing, trains are also becoming more overcrowded and less frequent; believes that public transport is a vital public service and should not be run for private profit; calls on the Government to bring the railways back into public ownership to ensure fair pricing, greater investment in infrastructure and services, and to deliver a rail service that works in the public interest.

1228 National Operating Department Practitioner Day

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **7**

Cat Eccles

Adam Jogee

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Jim Shannon

Mary Kelly Foy

Sadik Al-Hassan

Ellie Chowns

That this House recognises and celebrates National Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) Day on 14 May, which highlights the vital role ODPs play in the delivery of safe, effective and compassionate care in our hospitals and surgical theatres across the United Kingdom; commends the dedication, skill and professionalism of ODPs who work tirelessly as key members of multidisciplinary surgical teams, often behind the scenes, ensuring the highest standards of patient care before, during and after operations; further welcomes efforts to raise awareness of the ODP profession among the public and prospective healthcare workers, particularly through outreach and education on National ODP Day; and calls on the

Government to support and invest in the ODP workforce through education, career progression opportunities and public recognition of their essential contribution to the NHS.

1229 **Environmental Protection**

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Jim Allister

Alex Easton

Sammy Wilson

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty, praying that the Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 407), dated 27 March 2025, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31 March 2025, be annulled.

1230 **Gaza occupation proposals**

Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **49**

Calum Miller

Monica Harding

James MacCleary

Helen Maguire

Tom Morrison

Munira Wilson

Tessa Munt

Jon Trickett

Ellie Chowns

That this House expresses its outrage at proposals by the Israeli Government to indefinitely occupy Gaza; condemns the plans for the further forced displacement of Palestinians; affirms its belief that, if realised, these would constitute clear breaches of international law; notes with immense concern that these proposals will only make it more difficult to ensure the remaining Israeli hostages in Hamas' captivity will return to Israel safely; believes that these measures will not bring more long-term security to Israel; urges the Government to commit to banning the export of all UK arms to Israel to ensure no UK weapons can be used to perpetrate human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; further urges the Government to sanction the extremist Ministers Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, who actively promote expansion into the Occupied Palestinian Territories; and calls on the Government immediately to recognise the state of Palestine, as a way of giving hope to millions of Palestinians and affirming their right to self-determination.

1232 Clackmannanshire and Stirling Community Link Workers national awardTabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **4**

Chris Kane
Jim Shannon
Adam Jogee
Brian Leishman

That this House congratulates the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Community Link Worker (CLW) team on winning the prestigious Community Link Worker Team of the Year award at the Voluntary Health Scotland annual conference in Glasgow on 7 May 2025; recognises the outstanding contribution of the team, hosted by Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface and Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise, in providing vital person-centred support to people experiencing mild to moderate mental health challenges, including depression, anxiety, social isolation, and financial pressures; commends the team for their collaborative work across two local authority areas and their strong connections with 198 groups and organisations offering specialist support; acknowledges the support of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Forth Valley; notes the important role CLWs play in reducing pressure on GP practices and improving wellbeing in local communities; and sends best wishes to the team as they continue their invaluable work across the region.

1233 Deaf Awareness Week 2025Tabled: **8/05/25** Signatories: **29**

Tom Gordon
Helen Maguire
Wendy Chamberlain
Wera Hobhouse
Rachel Gilmour
Adam Dance

Tristan Osborne
Alex Brewer

Lisa Smart

Ellie Chowns

That this House recognises the importance of, and celebrates, Deaf Awareness Week 2025; acknowledges this year's theme, Beyond Silence; congratulates organisations such as the British Deaf Association, the Royal National Institute for Deaf People, and the National Deaf Children's Society for the vital work they do in supporting deaf people, their families, and the wider deaf community; commends local councils, including North Yorkshire Council, for openly supporting Deaf Awareness Week; encourages local authorities, businesses, and other organisations to continue improving their information and support for the deaf community; celebrates the diverse ways in which deaf people communicate and the richness of Deaf culture; and further recognises the importance of breaking down barriers to full accessibility for individuals with hearing loss, as well as those with other physical and mental disabilities.

1234 **Improving equestrian road safety awareness**

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 15

Mr Lee Dillon**Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Tom Gordon****Adam Dance****Richard Foord**

Andrew George

Jon Trickett

Jim Shannon

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Ian Roome

Edward Morello

David Chadwick

Tessa Munt

Liz Jarvis

That this House acknowledges the vital role of horses in rural communities, particularly in areas such as Lambourn, known for its contributions to British horse racing; notes with deep concern that in 2024 alone, 3,100 road incidents involving horses were reported to the British Horse Society; recognises that one third of these incidents involve road rage or abuse directed at the rider; highlights the lack of public awareness around the 2022 changes to the Highway Code, including Rule 163, which advises drivers to pass horses at no more than 10mph and a minimum distance of 2 metres; commends the efforts of those taking part in the Road Safety Awareness Ride from Lambourn in memory of the two-year-old racehorse Knockalla who was killed; and calls on the Government to work with the equine sector, local authorities and road safety bodies to improve public awareness, enforce safe driving practices and protect horses and riders on UK roads.

1235 **Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for Police Community Support Officers**

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 7

Grahame Morris**Neil Duncan-Jordan****Andrew George****Tristan Osborne****Jim Shannon****Ellie Chowns**

Steve Witherden

That this House recognises the vital contribution made by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in communities across the UK; notes with deep appreciation the commitment and professionalism shown by PCSOs who dedicate their careers to public service and community safety, often facing great risk; further notes with concern the current absence of a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LSGCM) or equivalent national recognition for PCSOs, despite their uniformed presence and frontline role in policing; acknowledges the disappointment felt by many long-serving PCSOs, including those with over 20 years' service, who remain ineligible for the honours afforded to regular police officers, special constables, firefighters, and paramedics; welcomes the ongoing review by the Home Office into the creation of a new medal

for police staff; and urges the Government to move swiftly to establish a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for PCSOs to formally recognise their years of dedicated service and invaluable contribution to safer streets and stronger communities.

1236 Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **5**

Josh Babarinde

Clive Jones

Andrew George

James MacCleary

Jim Shannon

That this House celebrates the Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025; recognises the need to reduce use of single-use plastics and the role of the Spring Water Festival as part of this effort; further recognises the need to improve local water quality for residents, visitors and our natural environment; encourages residents to attend events and amenities on offer, including beach cleans, sea swims, paddleboarding sessions and use of the water refill stations; and congratulates Plastic Free Eastbourne Community Leader Oliver Sterno and his team of volunteers and partner organisations to bringing together the Eastbourne Spring Water Festival 2025.

1237 Museums, libraries and community centres in Leicester and the UK

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **3**

Shivani Raja

Shockat Adam

Jim Shannon

That this House expresses deep concern at the decision by Leicester City Council to consult on closing museums and removing local authority funding for libraries and community centres across Leicester; notes that these vital community assets provide educational, social and cultural value for residents of all ages, particularly children, pensioners and vulnerable people; further notes that many Leicester residents, including parents, students and community leaders, have gathered outside Leicester Town Hall to protest against the proposed plans; recognises that similar threats to libraries and community spaces are emerging in local authorities across the country due to budgetary pressures; believes that libraries and community centres are essential to literacy, social cohesion, digital access and community wellbeing; and calls on Leicester City Council and councils nationwide to prioritise the protection of frontline community services and to urgently review whether savings can instead be achieved through reductions in senior management and administrative costs, rather than closing museums or removing funding from vital public spaces.

1238 UK-EU SummitTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **28****James MacCleary****Calum Miller****Helen Maguire****Monica Harding****Sarah Olney****Wera Hobhouse**

Clive Jones

Tom Morrison

Tom Gordon

Edward Morello

Gideon Amos

Andrew George

Daisy Cooper

Alison Bennett

Wendy Chamberlain

Adam Dance

Cameron Thomas

Susan Murray

Olly Glover

Lisa Smart

Alex Brewer

Mr Joshua Reynolds

Mr Will Forster

Victoria Collins

Anna Sabine

John Milne

Liz Jarvis

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House recognises the benefits of a comprehensive Youth Mobility Scheme between the UK and the European Union; urges the Government to adopt a more ambitious approach to negotiations, acknowledging that such a scheme would enhance cultural exchange, expand opportunities for our young people and boost our economy; calls on the Government to strengthen cooperation with the EU by securing a comprehensive Defence and Security Pact, which includes associating the UK with the European Defence Agency; and advocates for a closer trading relationship with the EU, including the negotiation of a bespoke Customs Union, to reduce trade barriers and support businesses by cutting red tape.

1239 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in Newcastle-under-LymeTabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **2****Adam Jogee****Jim Shannon**

That this House notes that the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day has been marked through a host of commemorative events in Newcastle-under-Lyme including a church service at St Giles Church, the lighting of a beacon in Queens Gardens outside the headquarters of the District Borough Council, Castle House, a number of sessions and film screenings at the award winning Brampton Museum, a community party in the Westlands, commemorations at the brilliant local schools in Newcastle-under-Lyme and many important and personal reflections in the homes, gardens and lives of local people; acknowledges the remarks of His Majesty the King to the nation at 9pm on Thursday 8 May 2025; welcomes the spirit of remembrance, of community and of appreciation that brought people from right across Newcastle-under-Lyme and North Staffordshire together; gives thanks for the contribution and sacrifice of the greatest

generation; and recommits itself to honouring the most important tribute to those who gave their lives, building a more tolerant, inclusive and peaceful world.

1240 Overseas-qualified dentists

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **10**

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Adam Dance

Wendy Chamberlain

Tom Gordon

Helen Maguire

Claire Young

Jim Shannon

Ellie Chowns

That this House notes that around 5,000 overseas-qualified dentists are currently waiting to sit the Overseas Registration Exam (ORE) in order to practice dentistry in the UK; further notes that each application process costs individuals approximately £5,000; highlights the case of one South Cotswolds constituent who has been unable to secure an exam slot for over two years; recognises the acute shortage of dentists, particularly in rural areas; acknowledges the serious consequences of limited access to dental care, including chronic pain and untreated infections; believes that enabling overseas-qualified dentists to practice can help relieve pressure on the existing dental workforce; and calls on the General Dental Council to re-evaluate the ORE process, expand exam capacity, and explore supervised practice pathways as a route to registration.

1241 25th anniversary of Ballynahinch Protestant Boys Flute Band

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **2**

Jim Shannon

Jim Allister

That this House celebrates the 25th anniversary of Ballynahinch Protestant Boys Flute Band; notes the band's contribution to the musical culture in Northern Ireland over the last 25 years and that to this day the band still has members that have participated from their conception; highlights the diversity of the band, in that the ages of members ranges from young children of primary school age to those in their 60s; commends the band's efforts in engaging with lodges, and community groups, which instils a real feel of social cohesion; further notes the band's 25th anniversary parade which will take place on 27 June 2025 in Ballynahinch, that lies in the constituency of Strangford; and wishes all members of the band the very best for their parade and future, and that they will achieve continued success for years to come.

1242 Future of the UK baking industry

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 17

Rebecca Long Bailey**John McDonnell****Grahame Morris****Andy McDonald****Ian Byrne****Kim Johnson**

Neil Duncan-Jordan

Shockat Adam

Jon Trickett

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Kate Osborne

Jeremy Corbyn

Jim Shannon

Steve Witherden

That this House notes with concern recent media reports that Associated British Foods, parent company of Allied Bakeries which produces Kingsmill bread, are in talks over a potential merger with Hovis, owned by Endless LLP; further notes that this comes as a response to reports of unsustainable losses in the Allied Bakeries division; is concerned that any merger on this scale may result in restructuring, rationalisation or closures that could affect the job security and livelihoods of thousands of UK workers both directly employed and in the supply chain; is further concerned about the potential implications for competition in the UK bakery sector and possible impact on future UK food security; and therefore calls on the management of both businesses to engage immediately with the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers union and other recognised trade unions across their sites and undertake meaningful consultation prior to the agreement or implementation of any merger proposal.

1243 Nurses Day 2025

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 6

Jim Shannon**Claire Young****Mr Gregory Campbell****Andrew George****Tristan Osborne****Ellie Chowns**

That this House notes Nurse's Day 2025 on May 12 which celebrates the incredible skill and dedication of all nurses across the UK and further afield; highlights the vast variety of settings, from GP staff to hospitals and from community care staff to pharmacies; underlines that despite their invaluable work, the nursing sector faces huge challenges in terms of funding and staff shortages which must be addressed as a priority for Government; further notes the positive effects nursing care has on millions of people; and thanks all nurses and NHS staff for their invaluable contribution to healthcare across the United Kingdom.

1244 **Court transcript costs**

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 18

Sarah Olney**Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Mr Joshua Reynolds****Tom Gordon****Helen Maguire**

Adam Dance

Edward Morello

Jim Shannon

Ellie Chowns

Anna Sabine

Andrew George

Lisa Smart

Alex Brewer

John Milne

David Chadwick

Liz Jarvis

Josh Babarinde

That this House believes that victims of crime should be able to access a transcript of court proceedings free of charge; notes that this would improve transparency throughout the criminal justice process; regrets the extortionate costs associated with court transcript fees, noting particular instances where victims were charged up to £22,000; acknowledges this acts as a barrier to justice; recognises that being able to review sentencing remarks helps provide victims and survivors with clarity and closure about the outcome of their case; and urges the Government to make permanent the Rape and Sexual Offences Free Sentencing Remarks Pilot Scheme and extend this to include victims of all crime.

1245 **Restructure of local government debt**

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 4

Jon Trickett**Neil Duncan-Jordan****Jim Shannon****Ellie Chowns**

That this House expresses deep concern that local government net debt across UK has doubled since 2010 and is spiralling out of control; notes a funding gap of £6.4 billion forming in the day-to-day council budgets in 2024-25 in comparison to 2019-20 budgets; acknowledges that councils will be confronted with the unacceptable choice of cutting services or using already worryingly declining reserves to balance their budgets without accounting for increased energy costs and inflationary pressures; recognises that over a decade of austerity has brought unnecessary Section 114 notices, which are ineffective and myopic; notes that these political decisions and Government action has encouraged risky behaviour and borrowing; further notes that councils are now laden with debt and spending a fortune on repayments; and calls on the Government to restructure local government debt to future-proof local authorities against the need to cut jobs, pay conditions and critical public services.

1246 Community Energy Pathways and the King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 12

Pippa Heylings**Wera Hobhouse****Clive Jones****Helen Maguire****Victoria Collins****Edward Morello**

Olly Glover

Jim Shannon

John Milne

Lisa Smart

James MacCleary

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House congratulates Community Energy Pathways (CEP), a not-for-profit community energy social enterprise based in Lewes, East Sussex, on being awarded the prestigious King's Award for Sustainable Enterprise; notes that this award reflects two years of rigorous due diligence by the King's Fund, acknowledging CEP's outstanding contribution to empowering communities to deliver locally-owned, low-carbon energy solutions; recognises CEP's work in supporting over 60 community energy groups across 15 counties and towns, as well as the successful securing of £1 million from UK Power Networks to expand its reach to 20,000 people and facilitate over 1,200 in-person home energy visits; commends the organisation's innovative Energy Champions programme, which creates local jobs and equips residents with the knowledge and tools to cut energy costs and carbon emissions; further notes that community energy enjoys significantly greater public support than privately-owned alternatives, as evidenced by recent polling from Common Wealth; and calls on the Government to provide greater support to the community energy sector to accelerate the just transition to a low-carbon economy, reduce household energy bills, and strengthen local resilience and ownership of the UK's energy future.

1247 International Nurses Day 2025

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 7

Mary Kelly Foy**Neil Duncan-Jordan****Shockat Adam****Andrew George****Tristan Osborne****Jim Shannon**

Ellie Chowns

That this House recognises 12 May 2025 as International Nurses Day and pays tribute to the exceptional dedication, professionalism and expertise of nursing staff across the UK and around the world; notes that nursing is a highly skilled and safety-critical profession requiring rigorous training, advanced knowledge and continuous development; acknowledges the vital care provided by nurses in a wide range of settings, and the trust placed in them by the public during their most vulnerable moments; commends the Royal College of Nursing for its

ongoing advocacy and support for nurses across the UK; and calls on the Government to work in partnership with organisations such as the RCN to ensure nursing staff are fairly rewarded, properly resourced and recognised as the essential professionals they are.

1248 Impact of the UK-US trade deal on the domestic ethanol industry and the green economy

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 2

Karl Turner

Jim Shannon

That this House recognises and applauds the historic trade deal established between the UK and the UK as a major achievement for the UK economy and a testament to the Government's commitment to enhancing international trade relations; acknowledges the potential boost that this agreement represents for various sectors across the nation, further solidifying the UK's standing within the global market; expresses concern, however, regarding the impact of the tariff removal on ethanol imports from the US, which allows volumes that are equivalent to the entire current UK market; believes that this adjustment poses significant challenges to local companies, whose competitiveness may be adversely affected by the influx of US ethanol, threatening jobs and growth in the UK's domestic ethanol industry; notes the importance of the green industry in Hull and East Yorkshire, which plays a crucial role in the sustainable energy landscape of the UK; and calls upon the Government to carefully consider the potential economic repercussions on local producers and ensure measures are taken to protect and nurture this vital sector of the UK economy, promoting a balanced trade approach that supports both international and domestic growth.

1249 Driving tests in Hampshire

Tabled: 12/05/25 Signatories: 4

Liz Jarvis

Clive Jones

Jim Shannon

Dr Danny Chambers

That this House notes significant backlogs in access to practical driving tests in Hampshire; recognises the impacts on young drivers and access to employment opportunities; acknowledges new measures introduced by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, including the recruitment of additional examiners and the extension of the driving test cancellation period from three to ten working days; expresses concern over the growth of third-party reselling sites and reports of botting of the driving test booking system that creates major barriers for genuine learners; further notes the closure of the Forest Hills practical driving test centre in Southampton in 2022 and the reduction of capacity across the Solent region; further acknowledges the ongoing backlog and the impact that covid-19 has had on test availability;

and calls on the Government to intensify efforts to reduce driving test waiting times in the Eastleigh constituency and across Hampshire.

1250 Wallace High School Senior Girls Football Team

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **2**

Chris Kane

Jim Shannon

That this House congratulates Stirling's Wallace High School Senior Girls Football Team on their resounding 9-1 victory on Friday 9 May to win the Scottish Schools' Football Association Senior Girls Shield; notes that this triumph crowns them Scottish champions for the second year in a row and highlights their exceptional dedication, skill, and teamwork; recognises that this success builds on last year's historic invincible season and reflects the sustained excellence of Wallace High's School of Sport programme, which nurtures young talent; commends the players, coaches, teachers, school staff and families whose commitment and support have made this achievement possible; and celebrates this extraordinary moment for the school and the wider Stirling community.

1251 Support for the trans community

Tabled: **12/05/25** Signatories: **13**

Siân Berry

Kate Osborne

Claire Young

Carla Denyer

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Kim Johnson

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Ben Lake

Ann Davies

Liz Saville Roberts

Manuela Perteghella

Steve Witherden

Ellie Chowns

That this House celebrates the contribution that the trans community, binary and nonbinary, makes to the UK; recognises that transgender transition liberates trans people to be their true selves; notes that there is no such thing as gender ideology, but that term is used to oppose acceptance of trans people in society; condemns baseless fearmongering in the media that trans people present a risk to others; further notes that the increase in anti-trans hate crime recorded in England and Wales between 2012 and 2023 was 1,426 per cent; supports inclusive language for trans and nonbinary people; and calls on the Government to perform its statutory public sector equality duty to trans people, by eliminating discrimination against them, advancing equality of opportunity for them, and fostering good relations between trans and cis people.