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New EDMs

567 Cystic fibrosis and mental health provision

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House recognises the vital importance of psychosocial professionals in supporting those with long term health conditions including cystic fibrosis (CF) with their mental health and wellbeing, alongside providing support in employment or education; believes that everyone with CF who requires it should have access to a CF specialist social worker and clinical psychologist as outlined in NHS CF service specifications; notes the Cystic Fibrosis Trust's staffing report that found that more than two thirds (69%) of UK paediatric CF centres and nearly half (44%) of UK adult CF centres reported not having a CF specialist social worker; and calls on the Government to urgently address a workforce strategy to progress recruitment and retention issues facing CF centres UK wide.

568 Sylvia's Soapy Suds

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Patricia Gibson

That this House congratulates family business, Sylvia's Soapy Suds in Ardrossan, on winning the prestigious accolade of Best Laundry Business at the grand finale of Scotland's Business Awards 2022; appreciates that this business, which was established almost 11 years ago, is now a cherished feature of the Ardrossan community; recognises that this award comes after a challenging period for businesses which struggled during the Covid-19 pandemic; applauds the delivery service provided by the business during Covid-19; notes how important this was to their customers; praises the hard work of owner, Dora Kane, and her mother and former owner, Sylvia who started the business, as well as staff members Elaine and Laura, in developing a successful family business which is considered to be so much more than a laundry service by the Ardrossan community; and wishes this local family business continued success in the future.

569 All Saints Secondary School World Schools Football Cup success

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin

That this House congratulates All Saints Secondary School, Barmulloch, on their recent triumph in winning the World Schools Football Cup; notes they made it to the semi-finals of the competition back in 2019 and won the final match 2-0 at the Futbol Salou Sports Center in Barcelona; recognises the hard work and effort from all involved; also recognises that the trip was only made possible by the support of the local community and teachers at the school who were determined to see the team succeed; and wishes all the players the very best in future tournaments.

570 Deaths in The Gambia and contaminated medicines imported from India

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Anne McLaughlin

That this House is dismayed by the death of more than 60 children in The Gambia from acute kidney problems believed to be linked to the use of contaminated paracetamol syrups imported from India, which were subsequently subject to a medical product alert by the World Health Organisation (WHO); notes the WHO, relevant Indian authorities, and the Indian pharmaceutical company believed to be responsible are undertaking an investigation, with the manufacturing activities of the latter having been suspended; notes also that the Gambian authorities have ordered all cough and cold syrups in circulation in the country to be recovered; is deeply concerned that India's drug regulatory laws are currently inadequate and that the country lacks a unified pharmaceutical regulator; is alarmed by reports that Gambian officials did not act quickly enough when deaths were first reported and did not test the imported drugs to ensure their quality before sanctioning their use; calls on the Indian and Gambian Governments to ensure affected families receive justice, to include the prosecution of those responsible and payment of compensation; and, asks the UK Government to support efforts by Gambian authorities to improve its quality control over imported medicines and foods.

571 A Dyslexic Life campaign

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Angus Brendan MacNeil

That this House welcomes A Dyslexic Life campaign, which originated in Na h-Eileanan an Iar and has gained traction in Scotland and across the UK; recognises that one in 10 people have dyslexia and notably over five in 10 prisoners have dyslexia; calls on the UK Government to support the Private Members Bill entitled Dyslexia Screening and Teacher Training Bill which will apply in England, but hopes that similar bills will be introduced in the devolved nations; commends those educational institutions which proactively screen and assess children for dyslexia; welcomes training for teachers to recognise signs of dyslexia; and commends the work of teachers and parents who actively assist children with dyslexia.

572 Kaf goods, Bearsden

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Amy Callaghan

That this House congratulates kaf goods in Bearsden, a general store and takeaway café offering high quality ingredients and goods, on their first birthday; praises them for their contribution to the local economy; recognises the challenges that all businesses currently face; and commends kaf goods for continuing to provide fresh produce to the local area.

573 Anti-bullying Week 2022

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House notes Anti-bullying Week 2022, which runs from 14 to 18 November; further notes this year's Reach Out campaign by the Anti-bullying Alliance that shines a light on the impacts of bullying and encourages all those young and old alike to take action against acts of bullying; underlines the horrid effects bullying has on individuals' self-confidence and the ongoing impacts it can have on young children especially; expresses concern at the 5.4 million students who miss school at least once due to bullying and the 530,000 pupils who will skip school more than three times; highlights odd socks day on Monday 14 November to raise awareness of anti-bullying; and encourages those to come forward and speak out without fear.

574 Commemoration of hero John Herivel

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Jim Shannon

That this House commemorates hero John Herivel, born on Malone Avenue in Belfast in 1918 and who worked as a codebreaker at Bletchley Park during the war to help decipher the Enigma Code; notes the time spent by John and his colleague Alan Turing in deciphering the code, with Herivel's tip being a vital component in handicapping the Nazi war machines in the 1940s, these being used to send encrypted military messages to Nazis throughout the war; further notes the work at Bletchley Park which was kept a secret for decades but possibly shortened the conflict by two to four years; highlights the blue plaque to honour the efforts of Herivel at Methodist College Belfast, where he was educated and encouraged to expand his ability in maths; and remembers with pride the impacts codebreaking had in World War II.

575 Brendan Harris, 145th Glasgow Scout Group

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House recognises the vast contribution and dedication of Brendan Harris as he stands down as the Leader of the 145th Glasgow Scout Group in Giffnock; notes that Brendan has been involved with the group for 29 years, first joining the group in 1993 and then becoming the leader in 1995; appreciates that Brendan had a talent for recruiting adult leaders to support the young people of East Renfrewshire and under his guidance several thousand young people have benefited from their involvement with the 145th, with many young people eventually returning to volunteer as leaders themselves; puts on record that Brendan and the wider team have developed

adventurous activities and expeditions, including international experiences for the benefit of young people; further notes that Brendan was awarded the Silver Acorn for outstanding scouting service by the Chief Scout in 2017; and wishes Brendan and everyone involved with the 145th Glasgow Scout Group the very best for the future.

576 Derek France named School Librarian of the Year

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Kenny MacAskill

That this House congratulates Derek France, the school librarian at Preston Lodge High School in Prestonpans, East Lothian, on being named the School Librarian of the Year by the School Librarian Association; understands that there was a significant process to get to the Honour List stage therefore being the recipient of this award is a great achievement; acknowledges that school libraries have been proven, from evidence world-wide, to positively contribute to learning and educational outcomes; commends the impact that Derek has been having in the school because of his engagement with his school's different departments and bringing the library into the heart of the school; notes that Derek runs fun and engaging research lessons tailored to what each class and teacher needs; and wishes Derek every success for the future.

577 Cost of Living Support from St Andrews University

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Wendy Chamberlain

That this House welcomes the comprehensive steps which the University of St Andrews and their Student's Association are taking to support their students, staff, and community during the cost of living crisis; and notes that these steps include reduced bus fares, increases to the university's student discretionary funds, a £500 cost-of-living payment to all staff, uplifts to postgraduate research stipends, an increase to the university's living wage, and a discount on meals in all of their university cafés.

578 Global hunger and UN Sustainable Development Goal 3

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Tony Lloyd

That this House is concerned by warnings from the World Food Programme (WFP) that 18.9 million Afghans are acutely food insecure and six million are on the brink of famine; highlights that Save the Children report a 47 per cent increase in dangerously malnourished children in Afghanistan; notes that international support was largely responsible for preventing famine in Afghanistan in winter 2021-22; emphasises that the WFP says millions of families have almost no way to endure another harsh winter; highlights that the Afghan economy has almost collapsed since the Taliban takeover and the suspension of most international aid, meaning Afghans have limited access to basic services and some are having to take desperate measures such as marrying off or even selling their children; notes that external factors, such as the war in Ukraine, have contributed to rising food prices; highlights that this economic crisis has been exacerbated by droughts, floods, and earthquakes; further notes that floods in Pakistan have worsened the situation by damaging trade; emphasises the role of climate change in these disasters; is dismayed that the world is set to fail the UN Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030; believes that the UK has a continuing

responsibility to the Afghan people following our withdrawal from the country; and calls on the UK Government to support international and non-governmental humanitarian organisations operating in Afghanistan, promote greater international engagement to help the Afghan people, and restore the commitment to spending 0.7 per cent of GNI on international aid.

579 **Derry City Football Club**

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **1**

Colum Eastwood

That this House congratulates Derry City Football Club for its 4-0 win against Shelbourne F.C. in the Football Association of Ireland Senior Challenge Cup, securing its sixth win in the competition and winning by the largest-ever goal margin; recognises the immense contribution of all the players, their manager Ruaidhri Higgins, club Chairman Philip O' Doherty and all those in coaching and support positions for their dedication to football and to Derry City; and commends the commitment of Derry City's fans, over 20,000 of whom travelled to Dublin for this year's final and who have remained committed to the club through thick and thin.

580 **Mixed-age couples and Universal Credit**

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **1**

Angela Crawley

That this House expresses its concerns about the eligibility rules for pension credit and housing benefit for mixed-age couples on low incomes; notes that a mixed-age couple is made up of a pensioner and their partner below the state retirement age; understands that since 2019 pensioners in mixed-age couples have been unable to make a new claim for pension credit or housing benefit and are instead forced to make a claim for Universal Credit; recognises that Universal Credit is designed as a working-age benefit and represents, in the words of Age UK, a "substantial wealth cut" for this group which was previously able to claim for pension credit and housing benefit; regrets the increase in pension-age poverty during the cost of living crisis and the expected exacerbation of problems for pensioners during this winter when many will be forced to choose between heating and eating; acknowledges that the Government has estimated that in 2022/23 there will be 50,000 mixed-age couples unable to access pension credit or housing benefits, assistance which would go some way towards alleviating pensioner poverty; and urges the Government to reverse the changes made in 2019 to allow mixed-age couples access to means-tested benefits that suit their needs.

581 **Protests in Iran**

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **1**

Nadia Whittome

That this House notes that protests against the Iranian government have been taking place for the last two months in Iran following the death in custody of Mahsa Amini; further notes with alarm that the Iranian authorities have killed more than 300 people and detained thousands of others in response; understands that hundreds of people have been charged for their participation in the protests, with at least one person being sentenced to death so far; reaffirms its solidarity with pro-democracy and human rights activists, and its opposition to violent repression and the use of death sentences; urges the Government to call for the UN Human Rights Council to establish an

international investigative and accountability mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve, and analyse evidence of the most serious crimes under international law committed in Iran; and calls on the Government to commit to exercising universal jurisdiction to criminally investigate and prosecute Iranian officials suspected of criminal responsibility for crimes under international law and to strengthen Magnitsky-style sanctions on officials involved in human rights abuses.

582 Nutrient and water neutrality

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Helen Morgan

That this House notes with concern that phosphates and nitrates are types of nutrients that can damage wildlife at high levels; further notes that patterns of nutrient pollution vary by region, depending on population density, extent and type of agriculture and habitats; recognises the importance of the Local Government Association's Nutrient and Water Neutrality Policy Inquiry into reducing the stresses on fragile habitats; also notes with concern the impact of nutrient pollution on local planning authorities and planning decisions in affected areas under the Habitat Directive; notes with concern the lack of funding for local authorities to deal with nutrient pollution; further notes with concern the Government's proposals that a significant amount of legislation protecting the environment could be sunsetted; and calls for a reform of legislation to ensure the water companies bring forward investment to help local authorities tackle nutrient pollution.

583 A decade of fundraising by Ruth Moore, East Kilbride

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 1

Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House commends the extensive fundraising over a decade of Mrs Ruth Moore from East Kilbride; notes Ruth's fundraising was inspired by the death of her late father; further notes that Ruth has raised over £10,000 for both local and national charities including East Kilbride Dementia Carers, Kilbryde Hospice, The British Heart Foundation and Epilepsy Scotland; thanks Ruth for the significant difference she has made to the community through her efforts and wishes her the very best for 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.

527 Disability and the cost of living crisis

Tabled: 2/11/22 Signatories: 30

Debbie Abrahams
Marsha De Cordova
Kate Hollern
Ben Lake
Yvonne Fovargue
Dan Carden

Paul Blomfield

That this House congratulates the Greater Manchester Disabled People's Panel on their recent Big Disability Survey, the largest survey of disabled people in the UK, and the report highlighting the barriers disabled people face; notes its key findings, that disabled people in Greater Manchester are living under a threefold assault on their rights and quality of life: firstly, through austerity, then covid-19 and now as a result of the cost-of-living crisis; further notes its finding that disabled people are experiencing shocking levels of poverty; further notes disabled people are commonly often unaware of their rights under legislation and when they are aware, have little access to legal advice provision and advocacy and are often also digitally excluded and have a right to accessible information; notes its recommendations, firstly to increase disabled people's income, secondly to provide decent, affordable and accessible housing and finally to ensure the protection of disabled people's human rights, as defined under the UN Conventions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and calls on the Government to recognise these findings and incorporate their recommendations into Government's spending plans.

534 Royal Mail industrial dispute and the universal service obligation

Tabled: 3/11/22 Signatories: 51

Ian Lavery
Jon Trickett
Marsha De Cordova
Tony Lloyd
Kate Osborne
Dan Carden

Ian Byrne

That this House condemns the actions of Royal Mail which, it believes is threatening up to 10,000 job cuts from the postal service; notes that Royal Mail made £758 million in profit in the year to March 2022, but paid out most of that, around £567 million, to shareholders in dividends and a share buyback; further notes that Royal Mail reported record profits and is concerned of mismanagement of finances as they are now reporting that they are losing one million pounds a day; notes that Royal Mail imposed a 2 per cent pay award during a time of spiralling inflation and a cost of living crisis; considers that postal workers provide an important service to millions of people in every corner of the country and is an essential part of the UK's national infrastructure; notes that Royal Mail's business plan threatens the Universal Service Obligation set out in the Postal Services Act 2011; further considers that a cut to jobs will not only harm these workers but the communities that they serve including small business owners; considers that Royal Mail is abandoning mutually agreed plans for modernisation, choosing instead to pursue what it sees as an asset stripping agenda; further believes that this threatens the future of the company and is an unacceptable attack on the terms and conditions of postal workers; and calls on Royal Mail to negotiate a fair offer with the Communications Workers Union that values their service and hard work.

535 Detention of Jagtar Singh Johal

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 48

Martin Docherty-Hughes
John Spellar
Allan Dorans
Jeremy Corbyn
Jim Shannon
Hannah Bardell

Caroline Lucas
 Mr David Davis

Ronnie Cowan

Owen Thompson

That this House notes that Friday 4 November 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the arbitrary detention in India of Jagtar Singh Johal, a Sikh activist from Dumbarton held since being abducted from the street during his honeymoon by unidentified assailants who turned out to be undercover police agents; further notes that while held incommunicado for 10 days by local Police, he alleges that he was tortured both physically and through electric shocks to his nipples and genitals, something which led him to signing a confession, a confession that has subsequently been used when filing charges against him; supports the ruling of the UN Working Group on arbitrary detention which in May gave its opinion that Jagtar's detention was an arbitrary one; urges the Government to also support this opinion, and do what it can to achieve Jagtar's immediate release; notes with dismay the revelations in the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office annual report in March 2020 that there may have been the involvement of UK intelligence services in sharing the information that led to Jagtar's arrest; urges the Government to be open and transparent about which Ministers knew about this and when; and calls on them to suspend all work toward towards a Free Trade Agreement with the Republic of India as long as Jagtar remains arbitrarily detained.

537 Liver cancer

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 19

Sir George Howarth
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Allan Dorans
Wayne David
Amy Callaghan

Kirsten Oswald

That this House notes that liver cancer is one of the less survivable cancers with mortality rates rising by 40 per cent over the last decade; recognises that only 13 per cent of liver cancer patients survive for five years after diagnosis; further notes that the number of people dying from liver cancer is increasing the fastest out of the 20 most common forms of cancer; encourages the Government to commit to improving earlier diagnosis and outcomes for liver cancer and the less survivable cancers in the upcoming 10-Year Cancer Plan; supports the recent launch of Liver Cancer UK by the British Liver Trust; and welcomes the efforts of the Less Survivable Cancer Taskforce to close the deadly cancer gap.

547 Police officers' pay

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 14

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Kate Osborne
Ian Lavery
Jim Shannon

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the outstanding contributions made by police officers to the security and wellbeing of communities across the UK; and notes that the Police Federation of England and Wales is calling for the Government to urgently explain how more than a 25 per cent real-terms pay cut since 2010, which is set to increase further with rises in the cost of living and inflation, can be justified given the significant risks to life which police officers carry regularly when performing their vital day-to-day duties.

548 Young people's experiences of food insecurity

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 12

Hywel Williams
Jonathan Edwards
Apsana Begum
Jim Shannon
Douglas Chapman
Patrick Grady

Caroline Lucas

That this House notes recent research carried out by Centrepoin into food insecurity experienced by young people; further notes with deep concern the findings which show that over a fifth of young people say they have missed work or education due to lack of food; highlights with alarm that nearly half of the general youth population in the UK say they have gone to bed hungry in the last 12 months; recognises that under-25s receive a lower benefit rate which makes it difficult to meet essential living and housing costs, particularly for young people without family support; further recognises that this policy makes it difficult for young people to move on from homelessness and puts them at risk of harm, exploitation and abuse; and supports Centrepoin's recommendation that young people living independently without family support, including care leavers, should be able to claim the adult rate of the Universal Credit standard allowance to help them meet essential costs and avoid homelessness for good.

549 Second anniversary of conflict in Tigray

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 28

Dame Angela Eagle
Jonathan Edwards
Jeremy Corbyn
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson
Allan Dorans

Caroline Lucas
 Daisy Cooper

Graham Stringer

Rosie Cooper

That this House, recognising the achievement of a peace deal last week at the African Union peace talks, and congratulating all sides on the ceasefire agreement, deplores the widespread use of rape and use of violence against women and girls by all the belligerent parties, noting that Tigrayan women have been recognised by the UN to have been subjected to particular violence leaving an estimated 26,000 in need of services; regrets the loss of life of 500,000 civilians in Tigray, killed from violence and famine, the displacement of more than 1.6 million by this conflict, and the mass detention of many thousands; calls on the Government to (i) increase humanitarian aid when the 17-month humanitarian blockade on Tigray is lifted, (ii) provide assistance for the reconstruction of infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, destroyed during the war, (iii) support the establishment of an internationally recognised ceasefire monitoring mechanism, and (iv) press for full access to all parties and areas for the UN Human Rights Council's Commission of International Experts on Ethiopia; notes the Government is hosting an important global conference on the use of sexual violence in conflict; and further calls on the Government to give an urgent priority to ending the use of such violence in Ethiopia.

550 BBC local radio programming

Tabled: 7/11/22 Signatories: 43

Karl Turner
Sarah Olney
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Graham Stringer
Debbie Abrahams
Wendy Chamberlain

Caroline Lucas

Conor McGinn

That this House condemns the proposed cuts to BBC local radio programming which will see programming shared between regions after 2pm and on weekends; applauds the role of BBC local radio stations in democratic accountability, combating isolation and responding to crises such as covid-19 and local emergencies; questions for what reason the BBC's digital first strategy is at the expense of a vital part of local media infrastructure; notes with concern that staff whose jobs are at risk found out about the plans through the media; stands with members of the National Union of Journalists resisting the planned cuts; and urges the BBC to consult local radio listeners and licence fee payers before making permanent changes.

551 Employment at Birkbeck College

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 18

John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Apsana Begum
Beth Winter

Ian Byrne

That this House is deeply concerned at the news from Birkbeck College that up 140 members of staff could face compulsory redundancy as part of a restructuring plan; recognises that Birkbeck College is a unique institution which, for 200 years, has provided access to education for adults from diverse social and education backgrounds, and helped transformed higher learning in Britain whilst delivering cutting-edge research; appreciates that Higher Education is facing difficulties everywhere, but time and again Birkbeck has shown itself able to adapt and change; and therefore calls on the college to rule out compulsory redundancies and instead invest in Birkbeck as an institution dedicated to working people.

552 Industrial action at Jacob's Bakery

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 9

Dan Carden
Jim Shannon
Richard Burgon
Beth Winter
Chris Stephens
Jon Trickett

Kim Johnson

That this House supports members of the GMB union employed by Pladis Global at Jacob's Bakery, Aintree, Liverpool who are taking strike action in a long-running dispute over pay and terms and conditions; believes that these workers should be treated fairly and given a pay deal that reflects the rising cost of living; notes that Pladis Global saw profits of £220m last year; further notes that the Aintree site is Jacob's first factory in England and has operated for over a century; and urges Pladis Global to negotiate a fair deal with the GMB and work with the union to secure the future of the factory and prioritise its most valuable asset, the workforce.

553 Freeing political prisoners ahead of elections in Bahrain

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 13

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens
Wendy Chamberlain
Tim Farron
Jonathan Edwards

Caroline Lucas

Apsana Begum

That this House notes that parliamentary elections will take place in Bahrain on 12 November 2022 amidst ongoing repression; decries that leading opposition figures including Hassan Mushaima, Abduljalil Al Singace, Abdulhadi Al Khawaja, Abdulwahab Husain and Sheikh Mohammed Habib

Al Muqdad remain behind bars serving life sentences for their roles in the 2011 pro-democracy uprising in Bahrain, along with the leader of Al Wefaq, Sheikh Ali Salman, despite international calls for them to be released; raises concerns that Bahrain's 2018 political isolation law prohibits members of dissolved political societies and sentenced individuals from running for office or voting, even if they were pardoned; further raises concerns that tens of thousands of people will not be able to stand as candidates in the election as a result of this legislation; denounces threats made by Bahrain's Office of the Public Prosecution that anyone who calls for the elections to be boycotted will face imprisonment and a fine; contends that Bahrain's parliament lacks the legislative power to effectively scrutinise government Ministers or officials; fears that Bahrain's elections will lack legitimacy and make a mockery of democratic principles; calls upon Bahrain to release opposition leaders, all political prisoners and death row inmates highlighted in the recent report by the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch ahead of elections; and calls on the Government not to recognise the outcome of these elections and to urge Bahrain to release all opposition figures immediately and unconditionally and repeal its repressive political isolation law.

555 Use of COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Alaa Abd el-Fattah's immediate release

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 22

Olivia Blake
Dan Carden
Clive Lewis
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon

Caroline Lucas

This house condemns Alaa Abd el-Fattah's ongoing imprisonment in Egypt; expresses serious concern at his treatment by Egyptian authorities and for his health and wellbeing; notes that he has been on hunger strike for over six months and has now begun a water strike; further notes that his imprisonment is part of a wider pattern of political arrests and disappearances and that he is one of as many as 60,000 political prisoners held in Egypt; also notes that Abd el-Fattah is a British citizen and therefore entitled to consular support from the British embassy; also notes with concern that the UK Government has yet to call publicly for his unconditional release; also notes that the total value of UK arms exports licensed to Egypt in the last three years was £24m and that this would provide significant leverage in talks to secure Abd el-Fattah's release; and urges the Government to use COP27 to make direct representations to the Egyptian Government for Abd el-Fattah's immediate release and to provide him with independent medical assistance.

556 Late payments and SMEs

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 8

Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Chris Stephens
Jonathan Edwards
Rachael Maskell

Caroline Lucas

Chris Law

That this House recognises how poor payment practices impact on small to medium sized businesses; notes that late payments of invoices beyond 30 days can make or break an SME in terms of the

knock on effect on payment of staff, paying suppliers, operating costs and servicing debt, not to mention detriment to mental health and, in the worst cases, going out of business as a result; further recognises that SMEs are already struggling in a hugely difficult economic environment due to the cost of living and energy crisis, recovery from the pandemic and Brexit; further notes that research has shown that late payment of invoices has worsened since the pandemic; believes that the Government's Prompt Payment Code does not go far enough; and further believes that in order to provide stability and security for SMEs, the very backbone of our economy in the UK, these businesses need effective payment structures to nourish an ethical and more transparent business environment and consequently allow more small firms to survive and grow.

557 Pressure ulcers and International Stop the Pressure Day

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 20

Margaret Greenwood
Jim Shannon
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Rachael Maskell
Mick Whitley

Jeremy Corbyn
 Andy McDonald

John Spellar
 Ms Marie Rimmer

Mrs Paulette Hamilton
 Dr Lisa Cameron

That this House acknowledges that 17 November 2022 marks International Stop the Pressure Day, an annual awareness day which aims to create a significant culture shift and eliminate avoidable pressure ulcers in all health and care settings; notes that pressure ulcers are one of the easiest to prevent, but hardest to treat, problems experienced by the spinal cord injured community; further notes the devastating consequences that pressure ulcers can have on quality of life for people who experience them and their loved ones; recognises that pressure ulcers require constant vigilance and can escalate quickly to the point where they become life-threatening; further recognises that the Spinal Injuries Association estimates that treating pressure ulcers are estimated to cost the combined National Health Services of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland more than five million pounds every single day; welcomes International Stop the Pressure Awareness Day and the role it plays in raising awareness about pressure ulcers; believes that NHS services should routinely record incidence of pressure ulcers; and calls on the Government to invest more in research and increase funding for treatment and prevention of pressure ulcers to improve patient care and reduce the long-term financial cost to the NHS.

558 Trophy hunting import and exports

Tabled: 8/11/22 Signatories: 31

Sir Mike Penning
Richard Burgon
Chris Stephens
Mr Gregory Campbell
Jeremy Corbyn
Wendy Chamberlain

Kirsten Oswald
 Dr Lisa Cameron
 Martyn Day

Margaret Ferrier
 Tony Lloyd
 Andy McDonald

Dan Carden
 Tracey Crouch
 Daisy Cooper

That this House notes the recent report of the APPG on Banning Trophy Hunting and Britain: The Case for a Ban, its contributions from IUCN scientists, CITES officials and African community leaders, and its findings that trophy hunting is exacerbating the conservation crisis and that African

communities are overwhelmingly opposed to the practice; notes the concerning status of the most popular African animals shot by British trophy hunters, including elephants that are classed endangered by IUCN, the hippopotamus, zebra and leopard that are classed as vulnerable, that lion populations have fallen from 200,000 in the 1970s to 10,000, and that British trophy hunters have shot threatened cheetahs, black rhinos and polar bears; notes that British trophy hunters are winning prizes from killing large numbers of animals, including an award for shooting animals from 125 different species, and British-owned firms are selling holidays to shoot endangered animals; notes that 86 per cent of submissions received by DEFRA from experts and others during the public consultation expressed support for a ban, that opinion polls show nine out of 10 voters support a ban, and that a ban enjoys support from cross-party MPs and Lords, media organisations, and conservation and animal welfare charities; and calls on the Government to fully support the passage of the bill, including as a tribute to the late Sir David Amess MP who campaigned tirelessly on this issue, and to allocate whatever time may be necessary for the bill to pass.

559 Arrest of journalists at protests

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 18

Olivia Blake
John McDonnell
Ian Mearns
Apsana Begum
Richard Burgon
Lloyd Russell-Moyle

Caroline Lucas

Beth Winter

This House notes with alarm the arrest and detention of the LBC journalist, Charlotte Lynch, on the suspicion of causing conspiracy to commit public nuisance during her coverage of a Just Stop Oil Protest, despite showing police officers a legitimate press accreditation; notes that she was detained for a total of five hours without being questioned and was searched twice in this time; reaffirms that journalists should have the right to cover protests without fear of arrest or detention from the police, and that this is a vital part of living in a free, transparent, accountable and democratic society; believes this arrest should be viewed in the context of increasing powers to restrict protest; believes this has created a culture in which protest is seen as illegitimate, and those who demonstrate or who are even loosely connected to a demonstration in whatever capacity, are regarded as suspicious; urges the Government to protect the freedom of journalists to report on events without fear of arrest or detention, and to investigate the circumstances of Lynch's arrest to ensure similar does not happen again.

560 Domestic Abuse and public life

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 21

Apsana Begum
Kate Kniveton
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Christine Jardine
Kate Osborne

Wendy Chamberlain

Ian Lavery

This House notes that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; understands that not all domestic abuse takes place in the home or during a current relationship and that often women are most vulnerable when they are leaving

a relationship, or after it has ended; highlights that post-separation control and/or harassment is a form of abuse that can occur long after a relationship or marriage is over, with different tactics of abuse employed; recognises that domestic abuse is prevalent and can affect people from all walks of life and in all forms of employment, including those public life; also notes that female political representatives, including those from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, face disproportionate barriers and are at greater risk of harassment and abuse; and therefore calls on all political parties to ensure that political representatives who are survivors of domestic abuse are not exposed to further harassment in their roles and to raise awareness of the issues in order to create a society where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively.

561 UK Disability History Month

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 12

Dr Lisa Cameron
Tim Farron
Jeremy Corbyn
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards

Stewart Hosie

Chris Law

Apsana Begum

That this House recognises that 16 November to 16 December is Disability History Month which is now in its thirteenth year of being celebrated in the United Kingdom and that Disability History Month is a month to celebrate disabled people and champion their abilities and rights; notes that this year's joint themes are Disability, Health and Well Being; commends UKDHM Organiser Richard Rieser and the many disability activists for their dedication and efforts to bringing Disability History Month to the UK; also recognises that more than half the 14.5 million people currently identified as disabled in the UK have hidden impairments; further recognises that due to discrimination many who can pass as non-disabled have chosen not to identify, even though this has caused them many difficulties; calls for the wider promotion and protection of disability rights; understands the importance of combatting the stigma surrounding disability for disabled people's health and well-being; also recognises the need to move away from a medical approach to disability; and urges parliamentarians to work for an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable society for disabled people in the United Kingdom.

562 Domestic Abuse and workplaces

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Apsana Begum
Kate Kniveton
Caroline Lucas
Chris Stephens
Kate Osborne
Ian Mearns

Ian Lavery

This House note that domestic abuse involves a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner; recognises that domestic abuse can have profound long-term effects on survivors and is concerned that is very difficult to speak out about domestic abuse and often those that do are subject to further silencing tactics; further recognises that domestic violence is a workplace issue and that it can affect employment performance and in some cases even mean

the abuse is carried out in the workplace; believes that domestic abuse policies form an essential part of a strategy to achieve equal opportunities in the workplace; calls on all employers to ensure workplaces are places of safety for survivors of domestic abuse with measures in place for their protection and an environment fostered where individuals experiencing domestic abuse feel confident that they will be believed, listened to and treated supportively; and calls on the Government to ensure a nationally funded network of domestic violence and abuse support services.

563 Retirement of Father David Brown from St Pauls Church

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 4

**David Linden
Allan Dorans
Patrick Grady
Chris Law**

That this House commends Father Brown on his years of service to St Pauls Church in Shettleston; thanks Father Brown for his leadership within the Church and his commitment to the local community of Shettleston; recognises the hard work and dedication of Father Brown; and wishes him a well-earned retirement.

564 60th anniversary of St. Barnabas RC Church

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 5

**David Linden
Allan Dorans
Hywel Williams
Patrick Grady
Chris Law**

That this House celebrates 60 years since the opening of St. Barnabas RC Church in Shettleston; commends the Church on six decades of service to the local community in the East End of Glasgow as well as inspiring generations of Glaswegians towards faith; and congratulates them on the 60th anniversary of their Parish opening.

565 British Indian Ocean Territory sovereignty negotiations

Tabled: 9/11/22 Signatories: 13

Jeremy Corbyn
Patrick Grady
Margaret Ferrier
Jon Trickett
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott

Caroline Lucas

Tony Lloyd

Apsana Begum

That this House congratulates His Majesty's Government on its decision to begin negotiations with Mauritius concerning sovereignty of the Chagos Archipelago (British Indian Ocean Territory) to seek agreement to resolve all outstanding issues in accordance with international law including those relating to the former inhabitants; recognises that this is a significant reversal of a long standing policy; acknowledges the tireless campaigning by the Chagos Islands (BIOT) APPG and its Coordinator since 2008, the work of the Chagos Refugees Group and other Chagossian organisations, and the roles played by lawyers, the English and International courts; looks forward to the day when Chagossians who wish to return to the islands are permitted to do so.

566 Birthday of Kirkintilloch whisky producer Spirit of Alba

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Amy Callaghan
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Hywel Williams
Patrick Grady
Kirsten Oswald

Chris Law

That this House congratulates Spirit of Alba, a family run Kirkintilloch producer of whisky and spirits, on their second birthday since opening; commends Jim Hopkins and his team for their hard work, their contribution to the local economy and to the history of Kirkintilloch whisky; further congratulates them on becoming specialist spirits retailer of the year at the Scottish enterprise awards; and acknowledges that small businesses face an incredibly challenging time, but can take inspiration from the success of Spirit of Alba.