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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 24 November 2022

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### New EDMs

614      **Stewart Maxwell's service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C.**

Tabled: 24/11/22      Signatories: 1

**Amy Callaghan**

That this House congratulates Stewart Maxwell, football manager, for his 10-year service to Kirkintilloch Rob Roy F.C. which has had a proud history since its establishment in 1878; further congratulates him on his appointment as new manager of Pollok F.C., recognising the significant role he will go on to play there; commends the lasting and significant contribution he has made; and acknowledges him and assistant manager Chris McFadyen for the outstanding work they have done with the club and their commitment to sport in the local area.

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### 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.

**568 Sylvia's Soapy Suds**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 7

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Alison Thewliss**

Patrick Grady

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: 6

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Patrick Grady**

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.

**571 A Dyslexic Life campaign**

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 9

**Angus Brendan MacNeil**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Anne McLaughlin**

Patrick Grady

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.

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**572 Kaf goods, Bearsden**

Tabled: **14/11/22** Signatories: **8**

**Amy Callaghan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Chris Law**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Anne McLaughlin**

Patrick Grady

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.

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**578 Global hunger and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (No. 3)**

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

**Tony Lloyd**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Hilary Benn**  
**Christina Rees**

Patrick Grady

Hywel Williams

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.

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

Tabled: 14/11/22 Signatories: 15

Angela Crawley  
Jonathan Edwards  
Patricia Gibson  
Jim Shannon  
Ben Lake  
Chris Law

Douglas Chapman

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: 33

Nadia Whittome  
Claudia Webbe  
Jim Shannon  
Christine Jardine  
Caroline Lucas  
Ben Lake

Tim Farron  
Deidre Brock

Hywel Williams

Tommy Sheppard

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: 7

**Helen Morgan**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Chris Law**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Wera Hobhouse**

Richard Foord

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.

**584 International Children's Games, South Lanarkshire**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Marion Fellows**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House celebrates the incredible performance of Team South Lanarkshire at the International Children's 2022 Games in Coventry; notes that the squad won gold in two events and also a silver medal, achieving many more personal bests for the individual athletes participating; also notes that in each sport they competed in they reached the finals; further acknowledges the success of the girls' football team in winning a gold medal and not conceding a single goal throughout the tournament, the gold and silver medal won in the boys' 1500m and girls' 100m respectively; congratulates the swimming team reaching the final of the tournament; and salutes the efforts made by coaching staff and parents in encouraging the role of exercise in promoting children's health and wellbeing.

**585 EK Credit Unions 40th Anniversary**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Dr Lisa Cameron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Chris Law**  
**Patrick Grady**

This house congratulates East Kilbride Credit Union on their 40th Anniversary; thanks Mr John Geraghty and Mr Les Walker who instigated the credit union and who still sit on the board of directors today as President and Chairman; commends EK Credit Union's success in increasing

accessible savings and credit facilities for people across East Kilbride; notes their expansion with a recent digital drive improving inclusion and accessibility; further notes EK Credit Union's dedication and ethos to serving the public including those most vulnerable, setting an example to other financial service providers; and wishes EK Credit Union every success for the future.

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**587 Passing of Jimmy O'Rourke**

Tabled: 15/11/22 Signatories: 16

**Ian Blackford**  
**Mr Gregory Campbell**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Patricia Gibson**

Patrick Grady

This House notes with sadness the passing of Jimmy O'Rourke at the age of 76 at his home in Edinburgh; recalls that Jimmy became the youngest ever player to play for Hibernian aged 16 years and 85 days in 1962, a record that stood until 2004; further recalls that he remains the youngest ever Hibernian goal scorer having hit the net against Dunfermline three days after his debut; also notes that Jimmy scored 122 goals for Hibernian, perhaps most notably a hat-trick against Sporting Lisbon in the Cup Winners Cup in 1972, the same season that he netted a brace in Hibs' famous 0-7 New Year's Day victory against Hearts; remembers that the song goes Jimmy, Jimmy O'Rourke, everyone knows his name; and expresses the hope that Jimmy will rest in peace.

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**595 Diageo UK's Learning for Life Hospitality Training Programme**

Tabled: 21/11/22 Signatories: 6

**Christine Jardine**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Helen Morgan**

That this House congratulates the participants of Diageo's award-winning Learning for Life hospitality training scheme for learners in Edinburgh in partnership with The Prince's Trust and Springboard; celebrates the success of half of the graduates securing employment shortly after completing their intensive training; commends the scheme's commitment to diversity, inclusion and supporting refugees through awarding spaces to seven Ukrainian refugees alongside participants from the local community and around the world; and calls on the Government to explore similar opportunities to help more adults, including refugees, into the workplace through vocational training and work experience.

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**596 Safe passage for refugees**Tabled: **21/11/22** Signatories: **32**

**Olivia Blake**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Richard Burgon**  
**Kate Osborne**  
**Beth Winter**

Christine Jardine  
 Mary Kelly Foy  
 Hywel Williams

Caroline Lucas  
 Ben Lake  
 Alison Thewliss

Allan Dorans  
 Liz Saville Roberts

That this House commends the work of PCS and Care4Calais and the launch of their policy document Safe passage for refugees: humane alternative to the Rwanda policy; notes the key demands include the implementation of a safe passage visa scheme, greater investment in the Home Office and the reform of immigration detention centres; acknowledges the worrying increase in small boat crossings this year with numbers of individuals making this journey in 2022 expected to rise to over 60,000; deplores the hateful rhetoric against refugees which has continued to appear in many parts of the press and social media in recent months; is concerned that the Government's own policies and decisions are encouraging this rhetoric despite the UNHCR and Refugee Council confirming that most individuals making the treacherous journey are needing protection; and calls on the Government to urgently act to protect these vulnerable people who are fleeing humanitarian crises across the world and work with PCS and Care4Calais to create a system which will stop these dangerous small boat crossings and will instead support genuine asylum claims allowing individuals and families to arrive safely in the UK and begin their new lives in the UK

**597 Funding for fire and rescue services**Tabled: **21/11/22** Signatories: **35**

**Mary Kelly Foy**  
**Zarah Sultana**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Richard Burgon**

Karl Turner  
 Caroline Lucas  
 Mick Whitley

Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck  
 Cat Smith

Kate Hollern  
 Ian Paisley

That this House recognises and celebrates the significant role firefighters play in society, particularly in the face of increasing extreme weather events and the part they played during the pandemic that included delivering medicines to the vulnerable, supporting the ambulance service and moving the bodies of the deceased; further recognises that the fire and rescue service has suffered central funding cuts of around 30 per cent since 2010, resulting in the loss of more than 11,500 frontline firefighters; is concerned that lives could be put at risk from further cuts; acknowledges that firefighters have lost approximately £4,000 in real terms over the past decade; notes with dismay that some firefighters are resorting to food banks; further notes when inflation is taken into account, the 5 per cent offer from the employers that was rejected by the Fire Brigades Union still represents a further cut in real wages; calls for urgent central Government funding for fire and rescue services; and urges employers and the Government to give firefighters a fair pay rise.

**600 Pension Credit**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 11

**Patricia Gibson**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Caroline Lucas**

Ben Lake  
 Alison Thewliss

Liz Saville Roberts  
 Douglas Chapman

Hywel Williams

That this House welcomes the Government's promotion of Pension Credit to increase its uptake, at long last, given that research by Independent Age had shown that only 61 per cent of those eligible were receiving it; appreciates that Pension Credit can be a gateway benefit for low income pensioners; is concerned by reports of lengthy delays to the processing of Pension Credit claims, with some pensioners forced to wait several months before payment is made; is disappointed by the failure of the Government to prepare for the increase in Pension Credit claims made as a result of its own awareness campaign; calls for additional support to be given to the Department for Work and Pensions to assist processing Pension Credit claims; and recognises the need for immediate action to ensure the most vulnerable in our society receive the support promised by Pension Credit to protect them during what will be a harsh winter.

**602 Young Women Lead Programme**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Kirsten Oswald**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House recognises the significant achievements of the Young Women Lead programme upon the completion of their 'Community Places Community Spaces' project which began in May 2022; notes that the project was formulated with a passion for the provision of community services and a desire to highlight what services are available to people across Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire; appreciates that the six month project involved a series of workshops and online discussions which culminated in the creation of a website with an interactive map showing the various community services available across the local authorities; understands that the Young Women Lead programme caters for women and non-binary people aged 16-30, is facilitated by YWCA Scotland, and offers young people unique and exciting training opportunities; puts on record that the group of young people involved in the Community Places Community Spaces project are all passionate about connecting community services and have a strong belief that information about local services should be easy to access; and wishes everyone involved in the Young Women Lead programme the very best for the future.



**603 Anniversary of channel crossing deaths**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 23

**Olivia Blake [R]**  
**Tim Farron**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Ian Lavery**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**

Mary Kelly Foy  
 Ben Lake  
 Alison Thewliss

Caroline Lucas  
 Liz Saville Roberts

Allan Dorans  
 Hywel Williams

That this House marks the first anniversary of the tragic death of 32 people in the Channel in the early hours of the morning of 24 November 2021; urges the Government to speed up the enquiry currently being carried out by the Marine Accident Investigation Branch; notes the harrowing new evidence which has come to light as part of the French investigation, suggesting that both the French and British authorities were aware of the boat in distress and of its position; further notes that despite logs showing numerous calls to French and UK authorities over the nine hour window, and that by 2.45am the boat was in British waters, no efforts appear to have been made to send help; and believes an urgent public enquiry must now be launched into these deaths to provide answers to the families of those who died and ensure all lessons are learnt and implemented to prevent further tragedies in the Channel.

**604 Lancaster University Library and The Times Higher Education Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 3

**Cat Smith**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates Lancaster University Library; recognises its achievement in winning Outstanding Library Team in The Times Higher Education Awards; thanks the Library Team for supporting teaching, learning and research locally, nationally and globally; and praises the library in its aim to connect, innovate and include the wider community in Lancaster and beyond.

**605 Broadband for the Rural North**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Cat Smith**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Ian Mearns**  
**Patrick Grady**

That this House congratulates Broadband for the Rural North (B4RN); thanks them for striving to digitally connect rural communities in the north; recognises their achievements in being regarded the Best British Broadband Provider as well as Best Community Project for the second year running; pays tribute to investors, local volunteers and supportive landowners; and praises B4RN for being a Community Benefit Society where profits are reinvested back into local communities.

**607 Heartland FM and the 2022 Community Radio Awards**

Tabled: 22/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Pete Wishart**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**

That this House congratulates Heartland FM on being awarded the silver trophy in the prestigious Station of the Year category for the second year in a row at the 2022 Community Radio Awards; understands that the awards recognise community radio stations across the UK and the excellent service they provide to their listeners; and further congratulates Heartland FM on celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, making it the longest running community-owned radio station in the UK.

**608 Carers Rights Day 2022**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 13

**Ed Davey**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Richard Foord**  
**Wera Hobhouse**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Tim Farron**

Sarah Olney  
 Dan Carden  
 Helen Morgan

Mr Alistair Carmichael  
 Caroline Lucas

Jamie Stone  
 Ben Lake

That this House supports Carers Rights Day, taking place on 24 November 2022; recognises this year's theme of Caring Costs, which acknowledges the enormous financial, mental and emotional burden faced by millions of unpaid carers looking after their loved ones across the UK; notes that many unpaid carers go unrecognised by both themselves and the Government; commends Carers Rights Day's goals of increasing awareness, recognition and support for carers; notes the need for a strategic approach from the Government to identify and support unpaid carers; and calls on the Government to immediately give carers the support they need by uprating Carers Allowance at least in line with inflation.

**609 Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 5

**Owen Thompson**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**  
**Douglas Chapman**

That this House congratulates Danderhall and District Guerilla Gardeners on being awarded the Best in Britain award from Britain in Bloom for their Child Miner memorial site at the Wisp; notes that the memorial site, rockery and gateway sign are all designed to commemorate the role of children in Midlothian mining communities and the shocking deaths that occurred in the mines; recognises that Britain in Bloom is the UK's nationwide gardening competition and works to strengthen communities and tackle local issues through recognising the work of gardening groups; and wishes

the gardeners all the very best for the presentation of this award at the memorial site on Sunday 27 November 2022.

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**610 Penicuik Athletic FC's victory in the under-16s Girls Cup Final**

Tabled: **23/11/22** Signatories: **3**

**Owen Thompson**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Penicuik Athletic FC on their 3-1 victory against Giffnock SC in the under-16s Girls Cup Final this week; further congratulates Caitlin Waterson, Emily Brown and Emily Reid on their goals during the game, as well as head coach Steven Clarke and the whole team; notes the club's history reaching back to 1888 and continued contributions to Scottish football over the years; recognises the extremely hard work the team has put into training; further notes the importance of maintaining opportunities for young women and girls to take part in sport in Midlothian; and wishes the team the very best of luck in now playing in the under-18s.

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**611 Intimidation at community, parish and town councils**

Tabled: **23/11/22** Signatories: **11**

**Dr Julian Lewis**  
**Cat Smith**  
**Sir Graham Brady**  
**Helen Morgan**  
**Andrew Selous**  
**Rosie Cooper**

Ben Lake

Douglas Chapman

That this House expresses its support and appreciation for local community, parish and town councils which are the first tier of local government in England and Wales and play a vital role in our communities; notes with concern that whilst the vast majority of local councils are well run, there remain behavioural issues in a small minority of councils and by members of the public which involve bullying, intimidation and harassment of both councillors and their staff, as confirmed through a dedicated Civility and Respect project led by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), One Voice Wales (OVW), county associations of local councils, and also highlighted by the Association of Local Council Clerks (ALCC); further notes with concern this is leading to councillors and staff leaving the sector and is creating difficulties in recruiting to those roles; and calls on the Government to re-visit its response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life report on local government ethical standards and introduce the report's recommendations in full including tougher sanctions such as suspension for poorly behaving councillors.

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**612 National eye health strategy**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 4

**Marsha De Cordova**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Christine Jardine**  
**Ian Lavery**

That this House recognises that over two million people in the UK are living with conditions which cause sight loss; notes that 250 people lose their sight every day and sight loss costs the UK economy £36 billion per year; further notes that NHS eye care services are facing significant pressures, with ophthalmology accounting for almost ten per cent of NHS waiting lists; and calls for the development of a National Eye Care Strategy which would focus on improved health outcomes, eliminate the postcode lottery of eye care treatment, address the inequities in access to, and provision of, eye care services, reduce the backlog, ensure positive patient experiences, ensure providers of care are joined up, maximise workforce capacity and skills and make better use of research and innovation.

**613 Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire 21st anniversary**

Tabled: 23/11/22 Signatories: 4

**Anne McLaughlin**  
**Patrick Grady**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Allan Dorans**

That this House congratulates Home-Start Glasgow North and North Lanarkshire on its twenty-first anniversary; recognises that it is one of the leading charities in family support in the community; acknowledges the impact it makes within the local communities it serves including helping to improve educational attainment, aiding the building of healthy relationships, helping to reduce isolation and loneliness, improving mental health of adults and children and supporting maternal mental health and perinatal support; further acknowledges its focus on empowerment and resilience to assist families to become self-reliant, confident and connected; praises the work of all staff and volunteers and the skills they have brought and developed; and welcomes the launch of their new book 21 stories, 21 lives as part of their 21st anniversary celebrations.