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## Early Day Motions tabled on Thursday 4 February 2021

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### New EDMs

#### 1444 **World Cancer Day 2021**

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Tim Farron**

That this House recognises World Cancer Day 2021; acknowledges the difficulty that cancer patients and their families have faced during the covid-19 pandemic; notes that 2.9 million people across the UK are living with cancer; further notes the reduction in cancer screenings and routine diagnostic work throughout the pandemic has resulted in approximately 35,000 missing cancer diagnoses; calls on the Government to refocus efforts on the prevention, detection and cure of all cancers; and further calls on the Government to pursue a national cancer recovery plan to offer diagnosis and treatment to all those who have been left behind as a result of the covid-19 pandemic.

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#### 1445 **Vulnerability to alcohol harms**

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Grahame Morris**

That this House is alarmed at the recent sharp increase in alcohol deaths revealed in provisional data released recently by the Office for National Statistics which have hit a record high during the pandemic; is disturbed that the number of people in treatment for an alcohol issue has fallen by nearly one fifth since 2013-14 with around four out of five dependent drinkers not accessing any kind of support; is deeply concerned by reports of increased domestic violence, recognising the strong relationship between alcohol consumption and domestic abuse; notes that Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) research examining patterns of alcohol-related violence across England and Wales between 2013-14 and 2017-18 revealed that those from the lowest socioeconomic groups were disproportionately at risk of victimisation; further notes that the IAS recommendations included removal of barriers to accessing support services, improvements in provision of publicly funded domestic violence services and a substantial increase in alcohol-treatment services; recognises that for many isolated older service users, who value face-to-face contact above all,

their phone call from an alcohol service has been one of the few interactions with the outside world during the pandemic; commends the Drink Wise, Age Well programme for highlighting the vulnerability of the over-50 age group and helping to reduce stigma, build resilience and secure support; and calls on the Government to prioritise an alcohol action plan, informed by service providers and service users, and its implementation, to address these issues and reduce alcohol harms.

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#### 1446 Trussell Trust report on universal credit uplift

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 2

**Steven Bonnar**  
**Paul Blomfield**

That this House acknowledges the latest report by the Trussell Trust, entitled Dignity or Destitution? which outlines the positive impact the uplift has had on those in receipt of universal credit; recognises the serious risk of increased hunger and food bank use if removed in April as currently planned; and calls upon the Chancellor to make the uplift permanent at the upcoming Budget.

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#### 1447 Treatment options for multiple sclerosis patients

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Angus Brendan MacNeil**

That this House welcomes the Scottish Medicines Consortium's approval of ozanimod for Scottish patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis; notes that patients in Scotland will be the first in the UK to have access to this new treatment option; recognises that not all therapies work for all MS patients so it is vital to have access to all therapy options to improve patient outcomes and patient choice; looks forward to patients in the rest of the UK being afforded similar access; stresses the importance that patient and clinician perspectives are considered and incorporated into decisions on approving access to new treatments; and commends the healthcare professionals and charities that support patients with this debilitating disease, particularly during the covid-19 pandemic.

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#### 1448 Access to Cystic Fibrosis drug Kaftrio

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 1

**Grahame Morris**

That this House welcomes the landmark deal secured by the NHS in June 2020 which permitted the licensing of Cystic Fibrosis (CF) drug Kaftrio to a large number of people with CF aged 12 years and over in the UK; recognises the life-changing effect of access to this new drug for CF patients in the UK eligible for prescription; however notes with concern that the deal secured by NHS England excludes many CF patients with specific gene mutations because England is the only nation awaiting approval of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for its use by patients with additional mutations; further notes the disparity between England and the devolved nations since Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales have granted access for CF patients with additional mutations approved by the US Food and Drug Administration; acknowledges that the alternative pathways offered to patients by NHS England whilst they await EMA approval such as applications on compassionate grounds or individual funding are often time-consuming and ineffective; and urges NHS England to bring eligibility criteria into line with the devolved nations by granting access without caveat to CF patients with additional gene mutations.

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**1449 Turkey and NATO**Tabled: **4/02/21** Signatories: **1****Chris Stephens**

That this House is concerned by the current security implications of Turkey's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, both on its neighbours and Europe more generally; notes the findings of Sallux, the political foundation of the European Christian Political Movement, published in the Sallux report, European security, Turkish foreign policy and Article 5 of the NATO Treaty that since 2013 Turkish state foreign policy has consistently undermined and threatened the security of both its neighbours and Europe more generally; further notes that the authorities in Turkey have sought to expand Turkey's power in the Middle East, North Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Caucasus and on numerous occasions have used jihadist organisations, including Islamic State, which have perpetrated terrorist attacks in the Middle East, in Europe and the UK; calls on the Government to declare that NATO members are not bound by the mutual defence obligations designated in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty and that Turkey forfeit its rights to such protections.

**1450 Zero covid strategy**Tabled: **4/02/21** Signatories: **6**

**Richard Burgon**  
**Ms Diane Abbott**  
**Liz Saville Roberts**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Dr Philippa Whitford**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**

That this House notes with sadness that the UK has now had more than 100,000 covid-19 deaths, with one of the highest death rates in the world; further notes that the Government's strategy to live with the virus and balance the loss of lives and the economy has led to failure on both counts with the UK also experiencing a particularly large economic downturn; recognises that in New Zealand, Vietnam and across countries following a Zero covid plan, the death rate is over a hundred times lower than in the UK and that their societies are reopening safely and their economies are recovering; recognises that, while covid-19 vaccines offer real hope and can be a key weapon in the battle against covid-19, it will be many months until everybody has been fully vaccinated; is concerned that if in the meantime the virus is allowed to circulate widely, many more will be infected with many more losing their lives, putting huge additional strain on the NHS, and risking further dangerous mutations of the virus; and calls on the UK Government urgently to adopt a Zero covid plan that seeks the maximum suppression of the virus as the best way to save lives and allow our communities and the economy to safely reopen.

## 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.

### 1389 Support for British Gas workers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 20

**Nadia Whittome**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Paula Barker**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Dawn Butler**  
**Navendu Mishra**

Mike Hill

That this House condemns the actions of British Gas in pursuing fire and re-hire tactics with loyal and hard-working staff; expresses support and solidarity with British Gas workers who have been forced to strike following British Gas pushing ahead with plans that have been rejected by 86 per cent of GMB members working as engineers; notes that the proposed changes will mean that a number of workers will be expected to work approximately 150 hours extra per year for no guarantee of extra pay; expresses regret that a once respected and trusted brand is doing damage to its reputation by pursuing fire and re-hire tactics; urges British Gas to recognise that the only way to end the disruption is to take fire and rehire pay cuts off the table; notes with alarm the growing number of employers who are making employees redundant before re-employing them on less-favourable terms and conditions; believes that these employers should instead be focused on supporting their employees through the covid-19 outbreak; and calls on the Government to take urgent action to stop the growing number of firms taking part in this unethical and unjust practice, for example by amending the Employment Rights Act 1996 to automatically categorise such redundancies as unfair dismissals.

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### 1391 Support for early years providers

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 6

**Mr Barry Sheerman**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Grahame Morris**  
**Mike Hill**

That this House recognises the hard work and dedication of early years providers across the country and the difficulties that they have faced throughout the covid-19 outbreak; notes the financial hardship that the early years sector has faced prior to the covid-19 outbreak; calls on the Government to publish the data which informed their decision to keep early years settings open fully throughout the third national lockdown; further recognises that reduced numbers of children attending nursery throughout the outbreak intensifies the need for urgent financial support; calls on the Government to make a sustainable financial package available; and further calls on the Government to review regularly and thoroughly the safety of early years providers and to pledge to act where lives and livelihoods are at risk.

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**1413 Visas for musicians in the EU**Tabled: **27/01/21** Signatories: **61**

**Ms Harriet Harman**  
**David Warburton**  
**Alison Thewliss**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Kevin Brennan**

Mike Hill

That this House applauds the over 100 musicians who wrote to The Times on 20 January 2021 and agrees that the UK Government must immediately seek supplementary agreement with the EU to secure the ability of all creative workers including musicians, performers, their equipment and others such as technicians to travel and earn in Europe, ensuring the economic benefit of the creative industries to the UK economy and to protect the livelihoods and essential earning opportunities to prevent those musicians from being forced out of their profession, to protect the creative benefit of musicians and others working together across Europe and to protect the important role of our brilliant conservatoires, music departments and all performance venues; recognises the vital role that musicians play in the cultural and community life of the UK; and notes that the petition launched by Tim Brennan on that matter has now exceeded a quarter of a million signatures.

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**1417 Healthy Homes Act**Tabled: **27/01/21** Signatories: **21**

**Dan Carden**  
**Ian Byrne**  
**Caroline Lucas**  
**Sir Peter Bottomley**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Rachel Hopkins**

Mike Hill

That this House welcomes the campaign by the Town & Country Planning Association (TCPA) for a Healthy Homes Act which would require all new homes and neighbourhoods to be of decent quality and outlaw those which undermine residents' health and wellbeing; recognises that too many people suffer in poor quality, even dangerous, homes; resolves to stop building the slums of the future; and urges the Government to insert the TCPA's healthy homes principles into the Building Safety Bill or future planning reform legislation to ensure lasting change that would benefit people's health, reduce costs to the NHS and social care budget and simplify the regulatory landscape.

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**1423 UNISON activist Gordon Gray**Tabled: **28/01/21** Signatories: **16**

Chris Stephens  
 David Linden  
 Alison Thewliss  
 Stewart Malcolm McDonald  
 Carol Monaghan  
 Patrick Grady

Mike Hill

That this House recognises the life and work of Gordon Gray, a UNISON activist for 10 years, who died on the 16 January 2021 due to covid-19; recognises his work as co-convener for UNISON in Glasgow City Council's Neighbourhood and Sustainability Department, Assistant Conditions of Service Officer, and Deputy Learning and Organising Officer within the Glasgow City Branch of UNISON; sends condolences to his family at this time; recognises his work as a Lay Trade Union tutor, having completed his TUC Diploma in Employment Law; further recognises his community work as a Community Councillor in Leven and District Community Council, and as a Trustee of Friends of Househill Park; remembers his employment as a Training Instructor and as an avid horticulturist; notes and supports his strong advocacy for strong council services and investment in horticulture; and recognises the esteem in which he was held by his many friends and colleagues; and offers condolences to all who knew him at this time.

**1425 Effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled people**Tabled: **1/02/21** Signatories: **8**

Hywel Williams  
 Liz Saville Roberts  
 Ben Lake  
 Jonathan Edwards  
 Jim Shannon  
 Alison Thewliss

Steven Bonnar

Mike Hill

That this House recognises that the covid-19 outbreak has had a disproportionate and significant impact on the lives of many disabled people and their families; further recognises that research conducted by the disability charity Scope found that over eight in 10 disabled people are worried about the effect that the outbreak is having on their life; notes that disabled employees are falling out of work at a faster rate than non-disabled people; is concerned that the additional costs that disabled people already faced have been exacerbated during the crisis; calls on the Government to permanently retain the £20 uplift to universal credit and extend it to legacy benefits; and further calls on the Government to reinstate the temporary changes that they made to the welfare system at the beginning of the outbreak in order to ensure financial protection for disabled people, including a pause on sanctions, a suspension of benefit reassessments and a suspension of benefit recovery.

**1427 Cancer treatment waiting times**

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 5

**Jon Trickett**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Mike Hill**

That this House is concerned that cancer treatment waiting lists are increasing as a consequence of the covid-19 pandemic; notes with further concern that vital cancer diagnoses are being missed, with data from Public Health England showing that 106,732 cases were diagnosed between April and September 2020, down from 142,324 over the same period in 2019; recognises the commitment shown by NHS staff over the summer while the threat from covid-19 was lower in attempting to reduce cancer waiting lists; expresses concern that the increasing seriousness of covid-19 has since resulted in tens of thousands more people continuing to miss cancer diagnoses; supports the need for urgent action to prevent what could be thousands of cancer deaths due to missed diagnoses or treatment delays; and calls on the Government to urgently publish an action plan setting a target for the backlog of cancer treatments to be cleared.

**1430 Ongoing conflict in Cameroon**

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 13

**Layla Moran**  
**Jim Shannon**  
**Jamie Stone**  
**Wendy Chamberlain**  
**Sarah Olney**  
**Tim Farron**

Claudia Webbe

Wera Hobhouse

That this House is deeply concerned by the ongoing conflict in Cameroon's north west and south west regions; condemns the deliberate and continued killings of innocent civilians and grave violations against children since the start of the conflict in 2016; sends its sincerest condolences to all those who have tragically lost loved ones as a result; notes that according to The International Crisis Group and the UN over 4,000 people have been killed, 765,000 people displaced, and four million people have been affected by the humanitarian crisis and that around 800,000 children are out of school; further notes that the Norwegian Refugee Council declared the conflict in Cameroon as the most neglected crisis on the planet for the second year running; urges the UK Government to publicly condemn the violence and bring to light all crimes and injustices; calls on the UK Government to work with its global partners and use all diplomatic means at its disposal to assist in de-escalating the violence and resolving the underlying conflicts including using diplomatic measures to encourage all sides to call a temporary cessation of military activities and to participate in inclusive peace talks mediated by an impartial third party; and further calls on the UK Government to ensure that people affected by the humanitarian crisis receive adequate support and aid.

**1431 Obesity strategy**Tabled: **2/02/21** Signatories: **4**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

That this House recognises the integral role that surgical weight management services can play in alleviating the numerous comorbidities that can arise as a result of obesity, including type 2 diabetes, heart failure and coronary artery disease; calls for an immediate assessment of the benefits of bariatric surgery as a means of lessening the most damaging implications of covid-19; and is concerned that the provision of such services has fallen behind other developed nations; and endorses their integration into the Government's Obesity Strategy.

**1432 The Rohingya community**Tabled: **2/02/21** Signatories: **5**

**Jim Shannon**  
**Paul Girvan**  
**Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Sir Mike Penning**

That this House notes, not for the first time in recent years, that Burmese military leaders have committed crimes against humanity; highlights the brutal assault against the Rohingya community which has displaced hundreds of thousands of men women and children; further notes that this has been described by the UN as a textbook case of ethnic cleansing; and calls on the Government to note that the international community's failure to take any substantial action against the Burmese military following this assault has emboldened its leaders to act against democracy in Burma and to commit to righting this wrong by using all diplomatic means possible to deliver aid and change in this awful situation.

**1440 Minimally invasive cancer therapies**Tabled: **3/02/21** Signatories: **7**

**Grahame Morris**  
**Claudia Webbe**  
**Rachel Hopkins**  
**Sir Mike Penning**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Kate Osborne**

Sir George Howarth

That this House welcomes World Cancer Day on 4 February 2021 and supports NHS efforts to deliver world leading treatments to all cancer patients across the UK; further recognises the role of innovative, minimally invasive cancer therapies in improving the quality of life for patients by reducing side effects and supporting quicker recovery time from treatment; and accepts the need to increase the number of patients who can benefit from minimally invasive treatment.



**1441 Universal credit MPs' helpline**

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 2

**John Nicolson**  
**Jonathan Edwards**

That this House is disappointed by the lack of a dedicated universal credit helpline for hon. Members; notes that this is a particularly desperate time for claimants and that many have problems which require urgent action; highlights that contact with the local job centre is not adequate provision for hon. Members to represent their constituents effectively; and urges the Government to rectify this problem urgently.

**1442 Undocumented migrants and covid-19 vaccination**

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 15

**Claudia Webbe**  
**John McDonnell**  
**Chris Stephens**  
**Bell Ribeiro-Addy**  
**Apsana Begum**  
**Kim Johnson**Jamie Stone  
Lloyd Russell-Moyle  
Zarah SultanaClaire Hanna  
Kate Osborne  
John NicolsonClive Lewis  
Grahame Morris  
Kenny MacAskill

That this House believes that access to essential healthcare is a universal human right; regrets the continued existence of structural, institutional and systemic barriers in accessing NHS care experienced by undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications; considers that an effective public health response to the covid-19 crisis requires that the most vulnerable can afford to access food, healthcare, and self-isolate where necessary; understands that some of the most vulnerable people in society will not access vaccination against the virus, since to disclose their identity to the authorities would risk their arrest, detention and deportation; fears that without urgent Government intervention this will lead to further avoidable premature deaths, especially in the African, Asian and Minority Ethnic population; and therefore calls on the Home Office to grant everyone currently in the UK at this time who are undocumented migrants and those awaiting determination of their asylum, visa and immigration applications indefinite leave to remain, and to be eligible in due course to receive the covid-19 vaccination.

**1443 Coalfield Regeneration Trust report on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on older industrial Britain**

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 4

**Jon Trickett**  
**Mike Hill**  
**Jonathan Edwards**  
**Kenny MacAskill**

That this House notes the research commissioned by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust examining the health and economic effects of the covid-19 pandemic on older industrial towns and former coalfields; notes that this research has found that up to the start of 2021 the cumulative death rate in older industrial towns and former coalfields was on average 30 per cent above the UK average; expresses concern that between March and November 2020 claimant unemployment among 16-24 year olds in older industrial Britain doubled; notes that older industrial Britain had

been disproportionately affected by major losses of industry and austerity prior to the covid-19 pandemic; expresses concern that those same regions will lag behind other parts of the UK in any post-pandemic recovery; believes that action must be taken to ensure that those areas are not disproportionately affected by the long-term economic effects of covid-19; and calls on the Government to ensure that any levelling up agenda targets older industrial towns and former coalfields.