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New EDMs

1451 Intellectual property and covid-19 response

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 4

Caroline Lucas

Navendu Mishra

Clive Lewis

Layla Moran

That this House considers nobody is safe until we are all safe from covid-19; believes all policy tools should be deployed to address the global crisis around access to covid-19 vaccines, treatments, diagnostics and equipment; notes that the head of the World Health Organization warns we face a catastrophic moral failure because of unequal covid vaccine policies; welcomes the Government's commitment to ensuring access for all to safe and effective, high-quality and affordable vaccines, diagnostics, medicines, and other health technologies as part of an effective response to the pandemic; further welcomes the substantial amounts of public funding for research, development, at-risk manufacturing and purchasing of covid-19 vaccines, reducing the risks for private sector companies developing vaccines; notes that existing flexibilities within the TRIPS agreement are not sufficient in the context of a pandemic; urges the Government to defend the rights of countries to use TRIPS flexibilities especially as they have long been subjected to intense pressure in the interests of pharmaceutical companies when they have done so; notes that 100 countries support a proposal from India and South Africa for a TRIPS waiver, which would allow WTO members to quickly overcome Intellectual Property barriers to access much-needed vaccines and treatments during the global crisis; is concerned that the Government does not yet support this proposal; and urges the Government to recognise that intellectual property barriers are hindering equitable access to covid-19 health technologies, reconsider its position and support the waiver proposal at upcoming TRIPS Council and WTO General Council Meetings.

1452 Para Dance UKTabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **1****Dr Lisa Cameron**

That this House celebrates the work of Para Dance UK and their efforts to relieve loneliness and isolation among people shielding from covid-19 as a result of a disability; draws particular attention to their dance videos, released throughout January, which have brought over 100 wheel chair users together online through the power of dance; highlights the hard work and dedication of their 100 affiliated instructors who have been working tirelessly to improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of people with a disability who are most likely to have experienced prolonged periods of isolation and disruption of care during the pandemic; thanks EMD UK and the National Lottery for providing financial support for this vital work through Sport England's Tackling Inequalities Fund; and calls on the Government to prioritise the physical and mental health needs of people with disabilities throughout the covid-19 outbreak.

1453 Flooding extension of the Green Homes GrantTabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **1****Layla Moran**

That this House recognises the damage that recent flooding has done to communities, homes and people's lives; acknowledges the need for Her Majesty's Government to fund more flood defences and flood prevention in areas affected; worries about the further impacts the climate crisis and future extreme weather events will have on people's lives in the future; urges Her Majesty's Government to offer homeowners the resources to protect their own homes from flooding damage; calls on Her Majesty's Government to extend the Green Homes Grant to include funds for homeowners to make their homes more flood resilient; requests that Her Majesty's Government extends the Green Homes Grant for longer than the current year it is available so everyone who would want to use it for flood defences is able to; and believes these two extensions to the scheme would be a resourceful way to combat the impact of flooding.

1454 Scotland Calcutta Cup victoryTabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **47****Gavin Newlands****Alison Thewliss****Ronnie Cowan****Ian Blackford****Hannah Bardell****Drew Hendry**

Mhairi Black

Deidre Brock

Dr Lisa Cameron

Angela Crawley

Dave Doogan

Stephen Flynn

Peter Grant

Stewart Hosie

Kenny MacAskill

Stuart C McDonald

Carol Monaghan

Kirsten Oswald

Kirsty Blackman

Alan Brown

Douglas Chapman

Martyn Day

Allan Dorans

Patricia Gibson

Neil Gray

Chris Law

Angus Brendan MacNeil

Anne McLaughlin

John Nicolson

Tommy Sheppard

Steven Bonnar

Amy Callaghan

Joanna Cherry

Martin Docherty-Hughes

Marion Fellows

Patrick Grady

Neale Hanvey

David Linden

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

John McNally

Brendan O'Hara

Alyn Smith

Chris Stephens
Dr Philippa Whitford

Owen Thompson
Pete Wishart

Richard Thomson

That this House congratulates the Scottish national men's rugby union team on their 11-6 victory over England in the opening game of the Six Nations Championship, winning the Calcutta Cup; notes that this is the first victory by a Scotland team at Twickenham since 1983; appreciates the work and dedication shown by coach Gregor Townsend, captain Stuart Hogg and the rest of the squad; congratulates Duhan van der Merwe on his try and Finn Russell on his two successful penalty kicks; applauds the extremely assured debut performances by Cameron Redpath and David Cherry; further notes that a Scottish victory was very apt as this year marks the 150th anniversary of the first rugby international between Scotland and England which took place on 27 March 1871 at Raeburn Place, Edinburgh which Scotland also won; and wishes Scotland the very best of luck in their remaining Six Nations fixtures.

1455 Ten years on from Bahrain's Arab Spring uprising of February 2011

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House commemorates the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the beginning of Bahrain's pro-democracy uprising on 14 February 2011; endorses the demands made by hundreds of thousands of Bahraini citizens during protests at Manama's Pearl Roundabout for democratic reform, social justice and respect for human rights; condemns the brutal suppression of the protest movement by Bahrain's Government; denounces the continued detention of leading opposition figures imprisoned for their role in the 2011 uprising, including Hassan Mushaima, Abdulwahab Husain and Dr Abduljalil Al-Singace; notes with alarm the continued deterioration of the human rights situation in Bahrain since the Arab Spring, including the suspension of independent media, dissolution of opposition parties and suppression of civil society; decries Bahrain's abandonment of a moratorium on the death penalty in 2017 and the subsequent execution of six individuals, five of whom alleged being tortured; notes that reform efforts promised in the wake of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry have been reversed or abandoned by Bahrain's Government; questions the efficacy and effectiveness of technical assistance provided to Bahrain by the Government since 2012; reminds the Government of Bahrain of their duty to uphold the highest human rights standards in line with their international obligations; urges greater transparency on UK funding to Bahrain through the Integrated Activity Fund and Gulf Strategy Fund; and calls on the Government to make support for Bahrain contingent on tangible improvements to the human rights situation in that country.

1456 Tenth anniversary of the Bahraini revolution

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Margaret Ferrier

That this House recognises the tenth anniversary of the Arab Spring and the Bahraini revolution of 2011; remembers the horrific events of the deadly pre-dawn raid of 17 February 2011, also known as Bloody Thursday; recognises the countless forms of repression that have targeted peaceful opponents of the regime, such as human rights defender Mr Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja and the leader of the political opposition in Bahrain Mr Hassan Mushaima, who has been in prison for the last 10 years; calls on the Government to press the Bahraini Government to abide by the principles of good governance, self-determination and human rights; and urges the Government to use whatever leverage it has with the Bahraini authorities to advance the democratic demands called for by the Bahraini people in 2011.

1457 Beinn an Tuirc distillers Valentine's Day event

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House celebrates the Beinn an Tuirc distillers on their Valentine's Day event, which sold out within a day; notes that the distillery is adapting to covid-19 restrictions by holding the virtual cocktail event; congratulates the distillery on hosting 224 people in their zoom tastings last year; and commends them on organising successful events which bring a community together to celebrate virtually.

1458 Pupils at Dalintober School

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House praises P6 and P7 students at Dalintober School for their success in the Virgin Money Make £5 grow programme; commends the pupils entrepreneurship skills in doubling their initial investment by selling hand-crafted chocolate kits; and applauds the students for raising £317.45 and donating £50 to the Kintyre food bank, alongside reinvesting the remaining funds into the other school enterprises.

1459 Mid Argyll Community Pool

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House congratulates Mid Argyll Community Pool for being awarded £100,000 by Sport Scotland's Sport Facility Fund; notes that the fund will help towards ensuring that the facility is more user friendly to people of all abilities; applauds the health and wellbeing centre for supporting sport for all; further notes that funds can still be raised for the project; and encourages the local community to make use of the centre once completed.

1460 Quinn Mackechnie fundraising

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Brendan O'Hara

That this House acknowledges the dedicated fundraising efforts of nine year old Quinn Mackechnie; highlights the £1,200 raised by Quinn by running and walking 50 miles in January; notes that the money raised will go towards cancer charity Maggie's Centre; and praises the determination shown by Quinn to support a deserving charity.

1461 Kurdish Development Association encourages Covid-19 vaccine uptake

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Patrick Grady

That this House commends the efforts of Shakha Sattar and the Glasgow-based Kurdish Development Association in Scotland who are urging Scotland's Kurdish community, as well as all Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities across Scotland to get a jab, save a life and step forward to receive their covid-19 immunisation when appointments are offered; recognises

that the Kurdish Development Association in Scotland is playing its part by using its community networks to condemn the various conspiracy theories around covid-19 and the vaccine to reassure communities that the vaccine is safe, has been developed by clinical experts, been through all the normal safety procedures, undergone rigorous testing and will undoubtedly save lives; agrees with the Kurdish Development Association in Scotland that it is of great importance for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities across Scotland to get immunised, given their greater risk of mortality compared to other groups, and surveys suggest they may be the least likely to accept a vaccine; and believes that targeted vaccine uptake campaigns led by community leaders can make a powerful contribution to ensuring as many people as possible receive a covid-19 vaccine, which will keep everyone safe, irrespective of ethnicity.

1462 Temporary extension to Compulsory Basic Training Certificates for motorbikes and mopeds

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Jonathan Edwards

That this House notes that Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificates for motorbikes and mopeds are issued on a two year basis for learner drivers; further notes that these vehicles provide a low carbon mode of transport for passenger and cargo; notes that many key workers use this mode of transport as part of their commute, especially in rural areas where public transport links can be poor; notes that as a result of lockdown measures, motorcycle and moped tests are suspended; expresses concern that road users whose CBT certificates lapse whilst lockdown measures are in place are prohibited from using their vehicles on public roads through no fault of their own; notes that whilst road safety concerns are paramount, motorists in this position have been using their chosen mode of transport for two years; calls for a temporary extension of CBT certificates whilst lockdown measures are in place; and further calls on the Government to annul test fees for people with CBT certificates which have lapsed during the current lockdown if they will not extend their validity.

1463 Removing barriers to education

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Carol Monaghan

That this House believes removing barriers to education, including ending all forms of violence against children, is crucial to achieving the Government's goal of ensuring 12 years of quality education for every girl and boy; and further believes that removing barriers to education should be a central theme in the Government's engagement at the 2021 G7 Summit.

1464 Debora Kayembe elected 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House congratulates Debora Kayembe on her election as the 54th Rector of the University of Edinburgh; notes that Debora Kayembe has a distinguished varied career as a lawyer and linguist, having been called to the Congolese Bar Association in 2000, being a member of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting from 2010 to 2020 and working in the language services of the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Court Bar Association; further notes that Debora served as Scottish Refugee Council board member from 2013 to 2016; further recognises that she joined the Royal Society of Edinburgh/Young Academy of

Scotland representing refugee minorities, has a seat as an expert lawyer to the RSE Working Group for Africa and in 2017 founded the charity Full Options; understands that as Rector, Debora will be a member of the University's most powerful decision-making body, the University Court, playing a presiding role to ensure all voices are heard in making important decisions that effect students and staff; and wishes Debora the best of luck as well as thanking her predecessor in the role, Ann Henderson.

1465 UN's International Day of Women and Girls in Science

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Owen Thompson

That this House observes the UN's International Day of Women and Girls in Science; acknowledges that the covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the crucial role women researchers have played in the different stages of the fight against this pandemic; recognises that more work is still required to ensure a fairer equality balance in the scientific field; and identifies that this day is important in endorsing the critical work that women and girls bring to science and technology.

1466 Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House expresses its concern at the decision of the Treasury to go ahead with the introduction of the Construction Industry VAT Reverse Charge with effect from 1 March 2021; notes that this is of great concern to small and medium sized firms in the construction industry, who are still reeling from the impact of a prolonged pandemic and the disruption of the UK leaving the EU, and are currently fighting to consolidate their businesses and protect any cash reserves they have after a devastating year; further notes that many firms fear the VAT Reverse Charge will have a devastating impact on their cash flow, with a requirement for additional cash flow to meet this of approximately 5 per cent of annual sales for those companies that submit quarterly VAT returns and 3 per cent for those that submit monthly returns; considers that the introduction of the charge at this time will put jobs and businesses at risk and may result in companies that survived the covid-19 outbreak and the UK's withdrawal from the EU being undone by this additional burden; and calls on the Government to reconsider its decision to press ahead with the change at this time.

1467 Neilston Primary School 7th Green Flag

Tabled: 8/02/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House wishes to congratulate Neilston Primary School and Madras Learning Campus on achieving a seventh Eco-Schools Green Flag; congratulates the Head Teacher, Mr Curley, all the staff, the pupils and their families who contributed to this tremendous achievement; is pleased to hear that the habits being taught now are creating wonderful ripples as children engage their families in this work, and joins Mr Curley in congratulating the children on their commitment to caring for our environment.

1468 West Cumbria Coal MineTabled: **8/02/21** Signatories: **1****Tim Farron**

That this House is dismayed by the decision to approve a new deep coal mine in West Cumbria; believes it is a dangerous backwards step in the fight against climate change; further believes it undermines the UK's COP26 Presidency, damaging the Government's international credibility; notes that it both contradicts Climate Change Committee advice to phase out all coal, including coking coal, by 2035 and jeopardizes the UK's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050; implores the Government to incentivise steel manufacturers to adopt and innovate low-carbon production methods, including hydrogen direct reduction and electric arc technology; further implores the Government to utilise Cumbria's boundless renewable resources of water, wind and solar to generate sustainable jobs and sustainable energy as part of a Green Industrial Revolution; stresses that national Government must intervene on issues of global climate justice; and urges the Government to reverse its decision and call-in the Woodhouse Colliery planning application.

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.

1394 PC Yvonne Fletcher inquiryTabled: **25/01/21** Signatories: **5**

Sir Mike Penning
Allan Dorans
Chris Stephens
Andrew Rosindell
Sir Desmond Swayne

That this House notes the significant amount of work done to identify a suspect in the murder of PC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy on 17 April 1984; notes that the CPS were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute; regrets that the suspect was permitted to leave the UK and endorses calls for an inquiry into PC Fletcher's murder.

1395 The gender pension gapTabled: **25/01/21** Signatories: **40**

Patricia Gibson
Jonathan Edwards
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell

Andrew Gwynne
Mick Whitley

Peter Grant**Ben Lake**

That this House expresses concern about the gender pension gap which stands at around 40.3 per cent, more than twice the gender pay gap of 17.3 per cent, representing a differential in pension income of around £7,500 a year; understands that women's lower average lifetime earnings, as well as the increased likelihood of their taking breaks from paid employment or reducing working hours,

often to undertake caring responsibilities, directly reduces their retirement earnings, increasing the likelihood of later-life poverty; recognises the effect of the speed of state pension age equalisation which meant many women had insufficient time to prepare for retirement; notes that the State Pension triple lock does not apply to pension credit, discriminating against the oldest and poorest pensioners, who are disproportionately women; is perturbed by the ongoing anomaly created by the inflexibility of the National Insurance system which excludes those, disproportionately women, who may have several jobs but which fall below the Lower Earnings Threshold, and so do not receive any credit for their State Pension; is alarmed that anyone earning less than £10,000 a year, mostly women, is not automatically enrolled into a pension and will not therefore benefit from their employers' contributions; is aware that lower lifetime earnings mean lower private pensions and that women were often forced to leave company pensions if they married or worked part-time and tended to work in occupations where employer pensions were less prevalent; and calls for urgent measures from the Government to boost women's pension income.

1399 Yemeni human rights and Saudi arms sales

Tabled: 25/01/21 Signatories: 20

Jeremy Corbyn
Margaret Ferrier
Caroline Lucas
John McDonnell
Apsana Begum
Claudia Webbe

Stuart C McDonald

That this House notes the continued disaster of the war on Yemen which has helped create what the UN has designated the worst humanitarian catastrophe anywhere in the world, threatening the lives of millions of Yemenis; further notes that the Government continues to allow arms sales to Saudi Arabia, the main foreign protagonist of the war, and continues to provide logistical support to Saudi forces in Yemen; recognises that new US president Joe Biden has committed to ending US support for the war; and calls upon the Government to end all support for the war and suspend all arms sales to Saudi Arabia immediately.

1404 Travel rights for workers in the media and creative industries

Tabled: 26/01/21 Signatories: 41

Grahame Morris
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Rebecca Long Bailey
Liz Saville Roberts
Claudia Webbe

Zarah Sultana

That this House is deeply disturbed to hear that proposals made during the Brexit negotiations which would have offered special travel rights for the creative workforce represented by the Federation of Entertainment Unions (FEU) were turned down; notes that the creative industries are one of the fastest-growing parts of the UK economy worth more than £111bn; believes that the arts and media do not exist within borders and the lack of an agreement on this matter will severely hamper the ability of creatives to continue to carry out business and collaboration with EU states; further notes that the creative industries have been devastated by the pandemic and the understands that failure to agree a deal that would have played an important role in revitalising the arts is therefore a major blow; appreciates that media organisations need the capacity to react

quickly when following news and investigative stories and not get bogged down with costly or time-consuming bureaucracy; joins the FEU in asking the UK government to review its position, and also supports their call for the government to reverse its decision to scrap its £12m funding of England's Union Learning Fund which supports more 200,000 learners in workplaces across England and importantly offers one of the very few opportunities for freelancers to have access to free training, professional development and acquire business skills.

1413 Visas for musicians in the EU

Tabled: 27/01/21 Signatories: 75

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

Rosie Duffield
 Rushanara Ali

Stephen Timms
 Mr Clive Betts

Apsana Begum

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.

1425 Effect of the covid-19 outbreak on disabled people

Tabled: 1/02/21 Signatories: 9

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

Caroline Lucas

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: **7**

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Jim Shannon
Rachel Hopkins
Mike Hill
Clive Lewis

Caroline Lucas

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.

1429 Energy price cap

Tabled: **1/02/21** Signatories: **3**

Mr Gregory Campbell
Jonathan Edwards
Paul Girvan

That this House notes the forthcoming change in the energy price cap due on 1 April 2021 given the recent increase in wholesale energy prices; and calls upon the Government to alert constituents to take action by comparing company costs where possible to minimise any additional energy cost that will have a further detrimental effect in addition to problems associated with the ongoing pandemic, on millions of households from April this year.

1436 150 year anniversary of the Fife Free Press

Tabled: **2/02/21** Signatories: **5**

Neale Hanvey
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

That this House congratulates the Fife Free Press newspaper on its 150-year anniversary; recognises the endurance of the local newspaper which has been the voice of the Kirkcaldy area and bedrock of the community throughout that time; notes in particular the recent contribution of the Fife Free

Press as an invaluable source of information for people throughout the covid-19 pandemic; and wishes the team and the title all the best for the next 150 years.

1437 Civilian casualties during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 6

Hywel Williams
Jim Shannon
Alison Thewliss
Liz Saville Roberts
Ben Lake
Chris Stephens

That this Houses notes the continuing tensions and sporadic violence between Azerbaijan and Armenia; expresses concern regarding the findings of Amnesty International's report into civilian casualties arising from the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh; further expresses sympathy with the families of the 146 civilians unlawfully killed by Armenian and Azerbaijani forces in the 44-day conflict between late September and early November 2020; and echoes the UN Secretary General's call for all concerns to meet their obligations and calls on both sides to respect the ceasefire and work with the OSCE Minsk Group to secure a lasting peace.

1438 Mutual equivalence and harmonisation protocols between UK and EU on food product standards

Tabled: 2/02/21 Signatories: 7

Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Hywel Williams
Liz Saville Roberts
Stephen Farry

Chris Stephens

That this House acknowledges that the EU is by far the most important export market for the UK food sector; notes that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the UK and EU has resulted in significant non-tariff barriers in relation to food exports; recognises that further costs, checks and delays are proving prohibitive to trade in food products; further notes that shellfish exports are likely to face an indefinite ban on products, decimating the industry; recognises for other food products such as dairy and meat, that the animal health certificates required for export can cost more than the value of the product being exported; understands that the Trade and Cooperation Agreement allows for continued trade related discussions; and calls on the UK Government to enter into negotiations on achieving a mutual equivalence agreement on food standards and protocols on future harmonisation in order to remove non-tariff barriers on food exports to the EU and between Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

1439 Festival of Brexit

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 3

Jamie Stone
Paula Barker
Chris Stephens

That this House regrets the Government's commitment to spending £120 million on the planned festival of Brexit; recognises that regardless of how people voted in the EU referendum that money would be better spent on a covid-19 recovery fund; and calls on the Government to cancel its plans for that festival.

1440 Minimally invasive cancer therapies

Tabled: 3/02/21 Signatories: 11

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

Ian Lavery

Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

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: 4

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
Chris Law
Chris Stephens

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: 18

Claudia Webbe
John McDonnell
Chris Stephens
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Kim Johnson

Ian Lavery

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: 8

Jon Trickett
Mike Hill
Jonathan Edwards
Kenny MacAskill
Mary Kelly Foy
Allan Dorans

Ian Lavery

Chris Stephens

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.

1444 World Cancer Day 2021

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 11

Tim Farron
Munira Wilson
Jamie Stone
Clive Lewis
Mary Kelly Foy
Allan Dorans

Andrew Gwynne
 Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

Chris Stephens

Tonia Antoniazzi

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.

1445 Vulnerability to alcohol harms

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 8

Grahame Morris
Mike Hill
Mary Kelly Foy
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Navendu Mishra
Kate Osborne

Ilan Lavery

Chris Stephens

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.

1446 Trussell Trust report on universal credit uplift

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 14

Steven Bonnar
 Paul Blomfield
 Clive Lewis
 Mary Kelly Foy
 Hywel Williams
 Liz Saville Roberts

Andrew Gwynne

Paula Barker

Chris Stephens

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.

1447 Treatment options for multiple sclerosis patients

Tabled: 4/02/21 Signatories: 5

Angus Brendan MacNeil
 Steven Bonnar
 Jonathan Edwards
 Allan Dorans
 Chris Stephens

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.

1448 Access to Cystic Fibrosis drug Kaftrio

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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.

1450 Zero covid strategy

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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.