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New EDMs

428 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 1

Kirsten Oswald

That this House acknowledges that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; notes that blood cancers are the most common cancers affecting children and young people and that acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL), a type of leukaemia where cancerous cells build up in the bone marrow, is the most common cancer diagnosed in children, further notes that ALL is an acute leukaemia, which means it develops quickly and needs treatment straight away; recognises there are around 790 diagnoses of ALL in the UK each year, including over 500 in people aged under 25; welcomes signs that improvements in outcomes for children and young people with ALL have been driven by improvements in treatment related to clinical trials, including the use of CAR-T therapy, which has been effective in curing some patients with advanced cancers where other treatments have failed; expresses its appreciation for the work of groups such as the Teenage Cancer Trust and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group who are working to provide and improve the care and treatment of young people with ALL, supporting them and their families through the aftermath of a diagnosis and the extended period of treatment, which may last for two or more years; and calls on the Government to provide additional funding and support for research into promising treatments, such as CAR-T therapy, and effective means of recognising the signs and symptoms of ALL and other childhood cancers to ensure early diagnosis, which plays such an important role in ensuring survival from these distressing diseases.

429 Kharkiv Pride 2021

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 1

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

This House congratulates people taking part in the Pride march in Kharkiv, Ukraine; notes that the third annual civil rights march attracted a record crowd of between 2000-3000 participants;

however, condemns the violence that was instigated by right-wing protestors at the end of the parade; salutes the efforts of LGBT+ campaigners in Ukraine for stepping up efforts to gain recognition, support, and protection in the face of threats and intimidation; shows solidarity with those LGBT+ Ukrainians and their allies; and offers its support to them in the future.

430 **Danny Quigley 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 Days**

Tabled: **14/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Colum Eastwood

That this House wishes to extend its congratulations to Danny Quigley following his inspirational sporting achievement in completing 10 Iron Man challenges in 10 days to raise money for Pieta House and the Bogside & Brandywell Health Forum's 1-2-1 Counselling Service, in memory of his father Colm who died by suicide 10 years ago; notes that to date he has raised over £88,000; recognises that Danny stands out as an inspiration to people across Derry City and beyond for his commitment and athleticism; and affirms that his contribution will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the lives of many across the city.

431 **Tyrone men's senior football team 2021 GAA All Ireland Final**

Tabled: **14/09/21** Signatories: **1**

Colum Eastwood

That this House congratulates Tyrone in their 2021 All Ireland Senior Football Championship victory scoring 2-14 to Mayo's 0-15; congratulates all the players, managerial and coaching team in securing Tyrone's 4th All- Ireland Senior Football Championship; and marks the efforts of all those involved in the GAA from coaches and players to staff behind the scenes and volunteers across Ireland and Britain, their dedication and commitment to the GAA which continues to ensure it is a pillar of Irish cultural and sporting life and a focal point for many communities at home and abroad.

432 **Support from Strangford firms for Afghan refugees**

Tabled: **14/09/21** Signatories: **4**

Jim Shannon
Sammy Wilson
Carla Lockhart
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson

That this House notes the generous offer by two Strangford firms Mash Direct and Willowbrook Foods to house and employ a number of Afghan refugees; further notes the fact that they have had difficulty filling these place with local workers and wish to be supportive in these awful times for those who are at risk due to their support for democracy and freedom in Afghanistan; highlights that there may be other firms who would be willing to help should the Government make clear a straightforward and accessible process for hiring and housing these needy people; and recognises that society stands against tyranny and oppression, and supports Afghan nationals who are suffering.

433 Role of Christian charity

Tabled: 14/09/21 Signatories: 4

Jim Shannon
Sir Jeffrey M Donaldson
Carla Lockhart
Sammy Wilson

That this House celebrates the contribution of Christian charity, Faith in Later Life, as it seeks to mobilise the church to reach, serve and empower older people across the UK; notes the contribution of over 480 church champions, as it marks its first Annual conference to equip those who are leading vital work at a local level; and recognises the contribution of the church in this important area as society seeks to engage afresh with older people beyond the pandemic.

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.

382 Deregulated bus transport

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 14

Grahame Morris
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Jonathan Edwards

Ian Lavery

Tony Lloyd

Andrew Gwynne

That this House is concerned with the adequacy of deregulated bus services in England outside London; notes the near unanimous consensus that the current system is not delivering for passengers and the multitude of reports finding as such; further notes that in England alone, average fares have increased 403 percent since deregulation, ridership has fallen almost 40 percent, and some 3,000 routes have been cut; acknowledges the many complaints from passengers concerning poor reliability and fragmented service; further acknowledges the harms caused by the breakdown of bus services, including on access to work, healthcare, and community; recognises that buses provide an essential service and account for some 4 billion journeys per year; further recognises that attractive and convenient local bus services are important to meeting the Government's climate goals; believes that structural changes are necessary for improving local bus services; and calls on the Government to ease the process for local authorities to franchise bus services, repeal the ban on municipal bus services, support local authorities making use of these options, and adopt a minimum service frequencies standard that all people can rely on.

383 The Ministerial Code and the conduct of the Prime Minister

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 83

Dawn Butler
Grahame Morris
Ian Mearns
Kate Osborne
Clive Lewis
Mick Whitley

Emma Hardy
 Colum Eastwood

Kirsten Oswald
 Jamie Stone

John Cryer

That this House believes that trust in the ministerial code has been eroded by the actions of the Prime Minister; further believes that the Prime Minister should no longer be the guardian of the code as he has been shown to lack the moral aptitude needed; and therefore calls for steps to be taken to make the House of Commons responsible for deciding whether alleged breaches should be investigated and determining whether Ministers have breached the code.

387 Communication of changes to the state pension age for 1950s-born women

Tabled: 6/09/21 Signatories: 62

Andrew Gwynne
Claudia Webbe
Navendu Mishra
Dame Angela Eagle
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson

Emma Hardy
 Colum Eastwood

Ian Lavery
 Zarah Sultana

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes the recent findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report entitled Women's State Pension Age: our findings on the Department for Work and Pensions' communication of changes; urges the Government to recognise the negative effects of successive DWP maladministration; calls for compensation for 1950s-born women; notes the profound mental, physical and economic pressure placed on 1950s-born women due to poor communication from the DWP; recognises that the issue of State Pension Inequality for Women is not party-political; calls on colleagues from across the political spectrum to work together to find a solution; commends the exceptional campaigning being done by 1950s-born women; calls on the Government to meet with campaigning groups and the APPG on State Pension Inequality for Women to help develop a fair and fast resolution to this problem; expresses dismay at the fact that no DWP Ministers came to the House to address the PHSO findings prior to the summer recess; calls on the Secretary of State to update the House as soon as possible on what steps she will be taking to compensate 1950s-born women.

394 Drug strategyTabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **15**

Grahame Morris
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Mick Whitley
Mohammad Yasin
Allan Dorans

Ian Lavery

That this House notes that ONS data released on 3 August 2021 revealed a record number of drug-related deaths in 2020, with 4,561 deaths in England and Wales and 1,339 deaths in Scotland, higher than any other European country; further notes that almost half of homicides and half of acquisitive crimes are drug-related; is appalled that all but 10 local authority drug and alcohol treatment services in England have experienced a real-terms budget reduction, with four seeing reductions of more than 40 per cent; welcomes the Government's commitment to working closely with the devolved Administrations to develop effective drug policies; further welcomes the appointment of Professor Dame Carol Black as ongoing independent advisor on drugs; and reaffirms the urgent need for Government to fulfil the recommendations of Carol Black's Review of Drugs.

397 Remembering the Featherstone Massacre 1893Tabled: **6/09/21** Signatories: **8**

Jon Trickett
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Dan Carden
Mick Whitley

Ian Lavery

That this House remembers the atrocities which took place in Featherstone, West Yorkshire on 7 September 1893; pays tribute to the six people injured and two killed, named James Gibb, 22, and James Duggan, 25, after the army was ordered to fire shots into a crowd of miners and their families, who were fighting against a 25 per cent reduction in pay which would have plunged so many into poverty, whilst the coal owners tried to increase profits; highlights the struggles of workers in the UK today who are facing an assault on their pay, terms and conditions by employers attempting to fire and rehire their staff on more exploitative contracts; believes the historic struggle for workers' rights and fair pay is part of the rich tapestry of British working class history; and seeks to continue to learn the lessons of imposing poverty pay, unfair working conditions and even violence on working communities.

406 Prescription chargesTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **20**

Mick Whitley
Paula Barker
John Spellar
Sir George Howarth
Mr Virendra Sharma
Andrew Gwynne

Ian Lavery

That this House restates its commitment to the National Health Service as a universal service free at the point of delivery and its belief that access to medication is a fundamental right; recognises the devastating impact that covid-19 has had on access to health services; is deeply concerned that increased waiting times could leave people with long-term conditions relying on medication to manage their pain and health conditions; considers the implications of the Government's consultation on aligning prescription charges with the state pension age as being deeply dangerous and likely to disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities and widen existing health inequalities; fears that such a move would leave many older patients struggling to fund their medication; believes that those proposals would further increase pressure on NHS services through expensive hospital admissions; expresses its concern that more patients will have to make health choices based on their ability to pay for prescriptions; and calls on the Government to follow the devolved administrations in ending prescription charges for people with long-term health conditions in England and to set out a medium to long-term strategy for the scrapping of prescription charges altogether.

410 Shortage of HGV driversTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **14**

Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Claire Hanna
Chris Stephens
Jim Shannon
Wera Hobhouse

Jamie Stone
 Moran

Wendy Chamberlain
 Ed Davey

Layla

That this House notes with concern that the shortage of HGV drivers in the UK is at crisis point; regrets that even before the covid-19 pandemic, when the UK road transport business employed approximately 600,000 drivers, that there was still a shortfall of as many as 70,000 vacancies; further notes with growing alarm that many of the 60,000 drivers from EU member states who were residing and working in the UK before Brexit have now left the British jobs market; calls on the Government to take seriously the combined stresses of added border checks since Brexit, an aging and fast retiring workforce, ever increasing numbers of EU drivers who are choosing not to work in the UK and the delays caused by covid-19 safe industry measures; requests that an industry-wide support scheme is urgently developed by the Secretary of State for Transport to increase the rate of driver training and recruitment; further calls on the Chancellor to compensate small and medium-sized haulage firms for the costs involved with border checks and delays with our EU neighbours and to reduce the impact of IR35 regulations on these same firms; and asks the Home Secretary to add HGV drivers to the UK Shortage Occupation list to attract overseas labour to the UK.

414 Play therapyTabled: **8/09/21** Signatories: **10**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Chris Stephens
Douglas Chapman
Allan Dorans
Jim Shannon
Marion Fellows

Andrew Gwynne

Caroline Lucas

That this House recognises the importance of play therapy in helping children who are experiencing mental illness or trauma and considers that therapy to be an essential component of the covid-19 recovery programme; notes that play therapy is an internationally recognised and highly cost effective health intervention for children for whom talking therapies like counselling are not always appropriate; further notes that play is essential to every child's social, emotional, cognitive, physical, creative and language developmental needs, assisting the learning process for all children and young people including those for whom verbal communication may be challenging; commends the role of organisations such as Play Therapy UK, Play Therapy International and the professional, highly-trained UK play therapist workforce who are currently supporting some of our most vulnerable children; and calls on the Government to acknowledge the vital role of play therapy in its covid-19 recovery programme and ensure that play therapy is one of the core services provided by the new and developing network of family hubs recently announced by the Minister for Children and Families.

416 Adult social care workforce and Local GovernmentTabled: **9/09/21** Signatories: **19**

Paula Barker
Mick Whitley
Wera Hobhouse
Navendu Mishra
Kim Johnson
Dan Carden

Emma Hardy
 Claudia Webbe

Ian Lavery

Rebecca Long Bailey

That this House notes the pre-covid-19 outbreak changes to funding for adult social care council budgets since 2010; recognises local Government as the primary commissioners of adult social care services; notes with concern the absence of local Government as part of the Government's announcements on social care reforms and delivery; further notes that the £5.4 billion assigned to adult social care out of the £36 billion to be raised over three years following the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy is not adequate to match the scale of the issues facing that sector; notes that the statement made by the Prime Minister of 7 September 2021 is a plan predominately to assist the NHS and not the broken adult social care sector; asserts the Government has not addressed the job retention and vacancy problem facing the adult social care sector by improving pay, terms and conditions as well training opportunities for the care workforce; recognises the inability of the market to provide the solutions to underoccupancy in care homes and the sharply increasing demand for home care services; and agrees with the calls of Age UK to provide a big injection of funding to councils' care budgets which includes a social care workforce strategy to meet rising demand and the needs of disabled and older people by widening the criteria for state support alongside a new deal for unpaid, informal carers.

418 Scottish National Investment Bank support for Nova innovation

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 4

Douglas Chapman
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Marion Fellows

That this House welcomes the £6.4 million funding package by the Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) to support Nova innovation, a Scottish company specialising in meeting global demand for tidal turbines; and further welcomes the company's determination to support the Scottish Net Zero supply chain and their commitment to manufacturing the core technology of their products in Scotland

419 Trodelvy

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 6

Mick Whitley
Navendu Mishra
Paula Barker
Jim Shannon
Tracey Crouch
Ian Lavery

That this House welcomes the news that Trodelvy, a new treatment for women living with incurable metastatic triple negative breast cancer, has been licensed through Project Orbis for use in Great Britain; expresses concern that women now face a delay before they can access the drug and potentially miss out on extra months to live; further welcomes Breast Cancer Now's Time for Trodelvy campaign, which is supported by over 200,000 people; and urges Gilead, the drug's owner, to reach an agreement with NHS England to ensure all eligible women can access the drug immediately ahead of a NICE decision.

420 Introducing a Wealth Tax

Tabled: 10/09/21 Signatories: 18

Richard Burgon
John McDonnell
Jon Trickett
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Apsana Begum
Zarah Sultana

Paula Barker

Claudia Webbe

Mick Whitley

That this House notes that almost a quarter of all household wealth in the UK is held by the richest one per cent. of the population; further notes that the wealth of UK billionaires increased by £106 billion since the start of the pandemic; believes that it is unjust that taxes on work are much greater than taxes on wealth; rejects the remarks by the Chancellor who stated in July 2020 that I do not believe that now is the time, or ever would be the time, for a wealth tax; notes that there are growing calls for wealth taxes both in the UK and around the world with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres calling for governments to introduce wealth taxes to help reduce global inequality exacerbated by the covid-19 pandemic; notes that the UK Wealth Commission, made up of a team of over 50 experts on tax policy, concluded in their December 2020 report that a wealth

tax would be preferential to raising taxes on incomes; and calls on the Government to introduce a wealth tax as a progressive alternative to raising taxes on working people.

421 **Believe in Scotland Day of Action**

Tabled: **10/09/21** Signatories: **5**

Douglas Chapman
Jonathan Edwards
Allan Dorans
Dr Lisa Cameron
Steven Bonnar

That this House welcomes the launch of the first Believe in Scotland mass Day of Action to be held on Saturday 18 September 2021 which will fire the starting gun on a major co-ordinated grassroots independence campaign in Scotland that will run until an independence referendum takes place; and further welcomes the determination of Believe in Scotland and over 100 YES groups to take a confident and positive message on Scotland's future as an independent country to every doorstep the length and breadth of the nation.

422 **Beekeeping lessons at St Ninian's High School**

Tabled: **13/09/21** Signatories: **4**

Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans

That this House applauds the work of biology teacher Angela Yekken of St Ninian's High School who used a course in beekeeping as a means of teaching pupils about science, the environment, leadership, and social justice; notes that Angela worked with a mixed group of Advanced Higher pupils and younger pupils with additional support needs to study beekeeping in nearby Rouken Glen Park, which is home to beehives and a visiting beekeeper under the auspices of Young Enterprise Scotland; further notes that the course was an ideal opportunity to learn safely outdoors during lockdown and that the students were so keen on the course that they carried on looking after the 50,000 bees during the summer holiday; recognises the part played by the pupils in the Senior Phase of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence who were able to use this as an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by taking the opportunity of supporting younger pupils with Additional Support Needs through the course; and congratulates Angela on her nomination in the Learning for Sustainability Awards run by the Daily Record newspaper and Education Scotland, which highlight the amazing work being undertaken in Scotland's schools and the commitment of teachers, pupils, and volunteers to environmental and social justice issues.

423 SATs in the 2021-22 Academic Year

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 8

Daisy Cooper
 Jim Shannon
 Paula Barker
 Jamie Stone
 Wendy Chamberlain
 Layla Moran

Sarah Olney

Ed Davey

That this House recognises the enormous effect that the covid-19 pandemic has had on pupils' mental health; notes the study by UCL Institute of Education researchers which found that a fear of poor SATs results is driving headteachers to separate pupils by ability despite the impact on children's self-esteem and confidence; believes that the UK's teach-to-test approach to education has led to valuing high stakes exams above other more meaningful measures of attainment; further believes that high-stakes testing, exemplified by SATs, distorts the work of schools, narrows the curriculum, increases stress on pupils, adds to teachers' workload, and affects most severely those who are most in need; further notes that SATs do not provide teachers with any further information on their students' progress than was not already available to them; notes that during the covid-19 pandemic teachers are having to spend ever more time on pastoral care and that preparing students for tests that are not useful is wasting valuable time that could be used more productively elsewhere; further believes that parents want teachers to spend more time teaching and less time testing pupils; and calls on the Government to scrap SATs for primary age pupils in the 2021-22 academic year.

424 Auchengeich Mining Disaster 62nd anniversary

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 16

Steven Bonnar
 Marion Fellows
 Jim Shannon
 Allan Dorans
 Jonathan Edwards
 Brendan O'Hara

Alan Brown
 Kenny MacAskill
 John Nicolson
 Kirsten Oswald

Dave Doogan
 Martin Docherty-Hughes
 Stuart C McDonald

Ian Lavery
 Owen Thompson
 Richard Thomson

That this House acknowledges that Saturday 18 September 2021 is the 62nd anniversary of the Auchengeich Mining disaster; respectfully remembers the 47 men who lost their lives after a fault with equipment caused a fire in the mine; further remembers that 41 women were widowed by that tragedy, and 67 children lost their father; expresses gratitude to Councillor Willie Doolan and all at the Auchengeich Memorial Committee for their commitment in continuing to commemorate the disaster by arranging a memorial service every year at the Auchengeich Memorial statue in Moodiesburn; and commends the whole Moodiesburn Community for their dignity, respect and togetherness in their endeavours to keep alive the memories of those lost to the disaster.

425 Commemoration of Martyrdom Day of Kashmiris

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 2

Bob Blackman
Jim Shannon

That this House commemorates with deep sadness the 31st Martyrdom Day of Kashmiri Hindus on 14 September, those Hindus having lost their lives to cross-border Islamic Jihad who committed atrocities on the population of Jammu and Kashmir, India; expresses its condolences to the families and friends of all those who were killed, raped and injured in that act of genocide; is concerned that the Kashmiris who fled to save life and limb have still not secured justice for those atrocities committed against them; commends the resilience and courage shown by the members of the Kashmiri Pandit community who survived that gruesome ethnic genocide; recognises the role of Panun Kashmir in campaigning for the rights of Hindus in Kashmir; and urges the Government of India to legislate a genocide crime punishment law in fulfilment of their international obligation by being a proposer and signatory to the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

426 Emma Raducanu, 2021 US Open women's champion

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 12

Mr Toby Perkins
Gareth Bacon
Chris Evans
David Mundell
Tonia Antoniazzi
Sir Robert NeillJim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne

Paula Barker

Jonathan Edwards

That this House is delighted, amazed and inspired by the performances of Emma Raducanu in winning the US Open without losing a set; notes that she is the first qualifier in the history of tennis to win a grand slam event; congratulates Emma and all those involved in her success; further notes that an estimated television audience of over 9.5 million watched Saturday's match; hopes that this success will inspire future generations of girls, boys and adults to take up tennis; and encourages the LTA, the Government and local tennis clubs to use this success to further drive up participation of this sport which can be enjoyed by people across the country regardless of age, sex or ability.

427 National care service

Tabled: 13/09/21 Signatories: 21

Jon Trickett
Jeremy Corbyn
John McDonnell
Ms Diane Abbott
Richard Burgon
Nadia WhittomeJim Shannon
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy
Navendu MishraJonathan Edwards
Andrew Gwynne
Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck
Claudia WebbeRebecca Long Bailey
Apsana Begum
Grahame Morris

That this House notes £7.7 billion has been cut from social care budgets since 2010; further notes that this has resulted in 1.4 million older people not having the care they need for essential daily

tasks and that 300,000 people are now on local authority waiting lists for adult social care services; notes the existing model of care provision through private providers, with 84 per cent of social care beds in the private sector, exacerbates the funding crisis through profit-making and dividend payments; regrets that the 170,000 unfilled vacancies in the social care sector are caused by chronic underpayment and poor working conditions, with up to three in four care workers not earning a real Living Wage; notes reports, including by the Centre for Health and the Public Interest, that around 10 per cent of the care home industry's £1.5 billion income is taken out in the form of rent, profit, directors' fees and debt repayments; further regrets that the Health and Social Care Levy will raise funds from those on low incomes whilst leaving wealth assets unaffected; notes that the £86,000 cap on social care costs will be of no benefit to the vast majority of ordinary people who do not have assets above this value, and is concerned it will not deliver sufficient funding to solve the social care crisis; and urges the Government to develop plans for a National Care Service funded fairly through progressive taxation, universally available to all, free at the point of use.