

## **Barbara Keeley responds to Prime Minister's announcement on prevention in mental health**

**Barbara Keeley MP, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and Social Care,** responding to the Prime Minister's announcement on prevention in mental health, said:

"Once again we hear warm words from the Prime Minister on mental health, but the reality is that mental health services are stretched to breaking point and people with mental health problems aren't getting the support they need.

"The Prime Minister is failing to address the real crisis in mental health. Training for teachers and other professionals is welcome but when we know thousands of children and young people are either turned away from mental health services or have to wait too long for treatment, it's clear that she's missing the real issue.

"This Tory government has cut local authority funding and failed to protect mental health budgets. Labour will invest more in mental health services and ring-fence budgets, so that funding reaches those who need support."

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## **Knife-related offences continues to soar – Diane Abbott**

**Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary,** commenting on new statistics which show that in the year ending March 2019 the highest number of knife and offensive weapon offences since 2010 were formally dealt with by the Criminal Justice System, said:

"The number of knife-related offences continues to soar under this government. The overstretched and under-resourced police and criminal justice systems are only able to tackle a fraction of the total level of crime.

"The Government should stop just talking about a public health approach and actually adopt one. This includes properly funding the police, ending the Tories' damaging cuts to public services and reinvesting in youth services to provide young people with genuine hope for their future prospects."

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## [Rebecca Long Bailey comments on GMB's report on Amazon's public sector contracts](#)

**Rebecca Long Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary**, commenting on GMB's report on Amazon's public sector contracts, said:

"It is shocking that the government has spent millions with a company that makes massive profits while mistreating its workers and paying barely any tax.

"Labour in government will insist that that when taxpayer funded public services and goods are delivered by private companies, they operate to the highest standards, with a public service ethos and not simply in the interests of shareholders. We will clamp down on tax avoidance and evasion, and implement our Tax Transparency and Enforcement Programme to build an economy that works for the many, not the few."

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## John McDonnell responds to Boris Johnson's pledge to cut higher income tax rates

**John McDonnell MP, Shadow Chancellor**, commenting on Boris Johnson's pledge to cut higher income tax rates, said:

"With our schools, care for the elderly and our police services at breaking point, Boris Johnson's proposals to give a tax cut to high earners reveals how out of touch the Tories are. As predicted the Tory leadership contest is becoming a race to the bottom in tax cuts."

"Labour will put the responsibility for repairing our public services on the Top 5% and corporations, not add to the handouts the Government has already given the richest in society."

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## Jeremy Corbyn pays tribute to heroism of D-Day troops

Ahead of attending the 75th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Portsmouth, **Jeremy Corbyn MP, leader of the Labour Party**, said:

"The troops that landed on the beaches of France 75 years ago showed unimaginable heroism. Many laid down their lives in the fight against fascism."

"People will have heard the recent serialisation of Anne Frank's Diaries on BBC radio. It was heart-breaking to hear her excitement and optimism about the Allied landings in Normandy, shortly before she was transported to Auschwitz, and then Bergen-Belsen."

"It was a poignant reminder of the evils of Nazism, and why its defeat by the Allied forces was so essential for humanity.

"We must not just commemorate those who fought, and died, but honour them by opposing the forces of hatred today.

"Only by standing up to hate, oppression and war can we protect international cooperation and peace."