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Press release: Oil and gas regulators to host public drop-in at Wakefield

A group of public agencies is hosting a drop-in event in Wakefield to explain how they work together to regulate the onshore oil and gas industry and protect communities and the environment.

The Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive, Oil and Gas Authority, and Public Health England are hosting the event in the Kingswood Suite at Wakefield Town Hall, Wood Street, Wakefield, on Tuesday 7 February.

These agencies work together to assess the impacts of the oil and gas industry, to oversee industry operations, and to ensure that any exploration and development, including fracking, is done in a way that does not put people or the environment at risk of harm.

The drop-in session is one of a series of events that offer local residents, businesses and other interested parties in West Yorkshire an opportunity to find out about agencies' roles and to ask questions and discuss any issues or concerns they have about onshore oil and gas development ahead of any future applications to develop operations in the area.

Everyone is welcome to attend at any time between 2pm and 7pm.

All workers deserve dignity safety and equality in the workplace and respectful dress codes must be part of that – Sarah Champion

Sarah Champion MP, Labour's

Secretary of State for Women and Equalities, responding to a joint report from the parliamentary committees for Petitions and for Women and Equalities, said:

“All workers deserve dignity, safety and equality in the workplace and respectful dress codes must be part of that.

“The Government’s insistence that the status quo is adequate on this issue is clearly not true. This report is clear that many women feel compelled to wear discriminatory outfits at work or face disciplinary action.

“Labour urges the Government to undertake its own review into lack of compliance amongst employers in this area and to bring forward suggestions on how greater equality in the workplace can be realised.”

[Xi urges continued efforts to build strong military](#)

President Xi Jinping has called for building a strong military by further enhancing the military’s political awareness, pushing forward reform, and governing it according to law.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, underscored the importance of improving combat readiness through troop training.

The president made the comments while visiting the 65th Army Group stationed in northern China’s Hebei Province on Monday.

[Hard-working people don’t want an NHS where they are charged for treatments – Jonathan Ashworth](#)

Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour’s Shadow Secretary of State for Health, commenting on

reports that GPs are drawing up plans to charge patients for evening and weekend appointments, said:

"The fairest, most efficient and most equitable way of delivering healthcare is to ensure it is publicly funded and free at the point of use.

"Reports that GPs are now considering introducing charging would allow wealthier patients to jump the queue. It is an intolerable consequence of Government under-funding of General Practice and the Tories' wasteful re-organisation of the NHS.

"This is yet another stark revelation about the reality of Tory mismanagement of the NHS. The Prime Minister simply cannot keep blaming everyone other than her own Government for the scale of this crisis. Hard-working people don't want an NHS where they are charged for treatments. Theresa May needs to get a grip and fast."