

Ministers must do much more to ensure that every victim of domestic abuse has access to support they need – Champion

Sarah Champion MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Women and Equalities, responding to today's statistical release from the ONS on violent crime and sexual offences, said:

"It is unacceptable that hundreds of thousands of women still suffer violence in the home every year. And the official figures significantly underestimate the true extent of the problem.

"But under this Tory Government domestic violence services are in crisis and funding for front-line professionals is being cut.

"Ministers must do much more to ensure that every victim of domestic abuse has access to support they need."

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Labour demands a review of Government ending of Dubs Amendment scheme – Abbott

Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, speaking in response to the Home Secretary's defence of the Government decision to end the Dubs scheme prematurely, said:

"Labour cannot accept this decision. This seems to breach the spirit of the law passed with cross-party support. Accepting 350 unaccompanied child refugees is far short of the expected 3,000.

"There will no doubt be legal challenges to this decision. This government is not

above the law.

“In any event, Labour commits to meeting the obligations of the Dubs Amendment. We will restore the scheme and accept some of the most vulnerable children in the world.”

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Rayner MP, Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on the Sutton Trust report into the attainment gap between poor pupils and their better-off classmates, said:

“This report should serve as a stark warning to the Government that their plans to re-introduce selection at 11 will only make this attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers even wider.

“Their plans to bring back grammar schools are reckless and without evidence. Introducing wholesale selection back into the schools system will only make life more difficult for the most disadvantaged kids.”

Theresa May has lost control of the NHS this winter – Ashworth

“Theresa May has lost control of the NHS this winter”: Labour reacts to latest performance data

NHS England has today published full year 2016 data for a number of key NHS indicators, including waiting lists, ambulance response and delayed transfers, which show the health

service stretched to the limits.

The BBC has also published leaked figures showing January's A&E performance to be the worst since records started.

Labour said the figures showed Theresa May was failing patients and renewed calls for the Government to bring forward extra support for health and social care in the March budget.

Jon Ashworth, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, said:

"Theresa May has lost control of the NHS this winter and patients are paying the price as target after target is missed and standards of care deteriorate. Thousands more people are waiting for treatment, people are stuck in hospitals even when they're well enough to go home, and key standards on cancer care and ambulance response times are being missed.

"These are some of the worst figures we have seen. Experts are saying that standards are being pushed back fifteen years or more. Behind each of these statistics is a patient suffering and in unacceptable discomfort. It's making Theresa May's utter disregard for the dire state of the NHS all the more disgraceful.

"The Government has failed the NHS right across the board. Urgent action is required and Labour is calling for a sustainable funding package for health and social care to be brought forward in the March Budget, so that the NHS and its patients never have to go through a winter like this again."

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Labour has demonstrated that we respect the result of the referendum – Corbyn

Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party, following tonight's votes, said:

"Labour has demonstrated that we respect the result of the referendum by voting to begin negotiations to leave the EU, with the overwhelming majority

of Labour MPs supporting our party's position.

"In recent weeks, Labour has forced the government to reveal what their plan for Brexit actually is.

"Both from their public statements and the amendments their MPs have voted down, the Conservatives have made clear they are determined to use Brexit to turn Britain into a bargain basement tax haven.

"Labour has a profoundly different vision for our country, with a plan to rebuild and transform Britain so that no one and no community is left behind.

"Article 50 is just the start of the negotiating process. Labour will be using every opportunity, both in Parliament and in the country, to protect jobs, rights and living standards, and achieve the best possible deal for Britain."