

## [Tories have cut police funding and personnel consistently since 2010 – Diane Abbott](#)

**Diane Abbott MP, Shadow Home Secretary**, responding to the release of a new Home Office document on police funding from 2015, said:

“The Home Secretary may be kidding himself with assertions of rising police funding, but he won’t fool over-stretched police forces or the general public who are increasingly concerned about rising violent crime.

“The Tories have cut police funding and personnel consistently since 2010. If they don’t face up to this fact, Labour in government will. We will recruit thousands of new officers to tackle rising crime.”

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## [Inaction on social care funding is taking a heavy toll on the finances of people with dementia and their families – Barbara Keeley](#)

**Barbara Keeley MP, Labour’s Shadow Minister for Social Care and Mental Health**, responding to the latest Alzheimer’s Society report, said:

“This research reveals the shocking scale of the social care funding crisis. Continued inaction on social care funding from this government is taking a heavy toll on the finances of people with dementia and their families.

“It is also costing the NHS millions. Nine years of failure to fund

social care properly means both that people who need social care and the NHS are picking up the pieces of a broken system.

“Labour would ensure more people get the care they need, through our National Care Service. As part of this, we have pledged an extra £8 billion of investment in social care across a Parliament which would include an extra 160,000 care packages, including 50,000 packages for people with dementia.”

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## [Margaret Greenwood responds to Universal Credit claimants being targeted in a multi-million pound scam](#)

**Margaret Greenwood MP, Labour’s Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary,** responding to reports of Universal Credit claimants being targeted in a multi-million pound scam, said:

“The government claimed that Universal Credit would reduce fraud and error. Now we know it is clearly failing in that, just as it is failing to protect people from poverty.

“Time and again the government has claimed that advances are the answer to the five week wait. The reality is that they are loans that have to be paid off by claimants, often alongside debts built up during the five week wait. Meanwhile fraudsters and loan sharks prosper.

“The government must finally listen to the evidence and stop the roll out Universal Credit.”

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## [Ian Lavery responds to comments by Boris Johnson that he could earn more money outside politics](#)

**Ian Lavery MP, Chair of the Labour Party**, responding to comments by Boris Johnson that he could earn more money outside politics, said:

“This sums up Boris Johnson and Tory contempt for people. A bunch of greedy millionaires complaining they aren’t rich enough and whinging that their day job doesn’t pay them enough money.

“These Tories are totally out of touch with the struggles that people in our country face. Tory Britain is one where nurses rely on foodbanks and millionaire newspaper columnists complain they don’t earn enough money.

“It is no surprise that Johnson said that no one defended the bankers who crashed the economy more than him. We have had nearly a decade of Tory cuts, and their new policies from tax cuts for the richest to the bringing back barbaric fox hunting, are more of the same and worse.

“A Labour government will be on the side of the people and will boost their pay and public services, for the many not the few.”

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## [Labour calls on Boris Johnson to confirm if he still ‘loves’ fox hunting](#)

Labour is calling on Boris Johnson to confirm if he still “loves” fox hunting after it emerged he wrote one year after the Act banning hunting was passed by Parliament, that he wanted it to go on

“for ever”.

It comes a day after his leadership rival Jeremy Hunt refused four times to say if he thought the bloodsport was cruel.

One year after Labour banned hunting, Johnson described how he “loved” his day with a hunt, saying he wanted hunting to go on “for ever” and that “if the hounds pick up a fox, so be it”. He has also voted in favour of hunting.

**Sue Hayman MP, Labour’s Shadow Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Secretary, said:**

“It is a simple question: does Boris Johnson still support fox hunting, yes or no? The fact that he is refusing to answer shows how far he will go to avoid scrutiny.

“There is overwhelming support in both rural and urban areas for keeping the ban on fox hunting that Labour was proud to bring in and will strengthen in government.”