

# Cabinet Secretary gives the Royal Welch a shot with grant

The Royal Welch Fusiliers is the oldest of the Welsh regiments and has one of the largest and most important military heritage collections outside of the National Army Museum in London.

The funding means the Museum which is situated in the Chamberlain Tower and the Queen's Tower at the Castle will remain open until at least 2020.

Economy Secretary, Ken Skates, said:

"I am pleased to approve this funding that will enable the Museum to remain open until 2020.

"It will mean that visitors to the Castle can continue to enjoy all the Museum has to offer and gain an insight into the long history of the Royal Welch Fusiliers through the variety of letters, poems and photographs and other exhibits on show.

"The Museum has been providing an invaluable service since the 1960s and I am delighted that this grant will mean the service can continue to the next decade and beyond."

The Welsh Government grant of £270,000 over 3 years will ensure that the Royal Welch Fusiliers Collections Trust will continue to deliver amongst other things an Accredited Museum open to the public and provide a variety of lifelong learning and public engagement activities.

Colonel Peter Knox, Chairman of the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum Management Committee said:

"The trustees of the Royal Welch Fusiliers welcome this announcement and value the long association with Cadw and the Welsh Government."

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The Reverend Ashley Mitchell RAF delivers the Service of Commemoration. Copyright Danielle Roubroeks. All rights reserved.

The service, organised by the MOD's Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC), part of Defence Business Services was conducted by the Reverend (Wing Commander) Ashley Mitchell RAF and supported by RAF Defence Staff based in Belgium. The ceremony was attended by British and Australian Defence Staff, 514 Squadron representatives and local dignitaries.

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Beverley Simon, JCCC said:

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We are especially delighted that so many of the crew's families were able to attend the service, some from as far afield as the USA.

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The crew members remembered were:

| Rank and full name               | Role             | Age | Place of birth            |
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| Sergeant Christopher George Hogg | Mid-Upper Gunner | 20  | South Yardley, Birmingham |
| Sergeant William Marsden         | Flight Engineer  | 20  | Chorley, Lancashire       |

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| Flying Officer Holman<br>Gordon Stanley Kerr | Pilot                              | 23            | Lurgan, Co. Armagh,<br>Northern Ireland |
| Sergeant Herbert Percival<br>Thomas          | Rear Gunner                        | 23            | Clarendon, Jamaica                      |
| Flight Sergeant Allan<br>Olsen RAAF          | Wireless<br>Operator/Air<br>Gunner | 21            | Toowoomba,<br>Queensland, Australia     |
| Flight Sergeant Sidney<br>Smith              | Navigator                          | 21            | Not stated                              |
| Flying Officer Frank<br>Clarke               | Air Bomber                         | Not<br>stated | Not stated                              |

Families of all of the crew were traced and 17 family members were present at the ceremony with wreaths being laid on behalf of all 7 crew by each of the respective families. Amongst the relatives who paid their respects included the niece of Sergeant Herbert Thomas (Joe), Paulette Thomas, who had travelled with her family from the USA to attend the ceremony. Joe's family were originally from Cuba but migrated to Jamaica. As Jamaica was under British rule in 1945, Joe was listed as a UK national.

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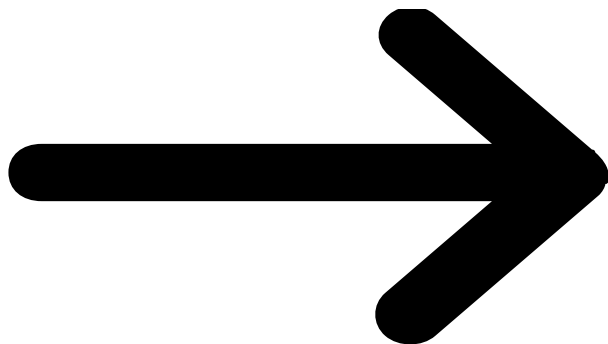
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Kezia Dugdale has been told to act on her independence-supporting election candidates, after it emerged another aspiring MP is sympathetic to the break-up of Britain.

Labour's position on the union has already come under fire this week with candidates in pro-UK seats in the south of Scotland being revealed as separation sympathisers.

Now details have come out about Moray candidate Jo Kirby, who also appears to back independence.

She has shared a number of pro-SNP items on social media, including an article describing the SNP as "the most credible political force in the UK" and a speech by Angus Robertson – who she'll stand against in Moray – endorsing holding a second independence referendum.

Yesterday, Labour's candidate for the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire by-election at Holyrood, Sally Prentice, claimed she was the person to stand up to the SNP on a "divisive" referendum re-run.

But just the week before, she said: "SNP voters – the only way you're going to get to ask the question again is if Jeremy Corbyn is in number 10."

In addition, it was reported yesterday that Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale candidate Douglas Beattie was "gutted" following the 2014 referendum result.

Now, the Scottish Conservatives have urged Ms Dugdale to either remove the candidates from the upcoming election, or face accusations of not being in

control of her own party.

**Scottish Conservative deputy leader Jackson Carlaw said:**

“Kezia Dugdale can’t reasonably say she’s serious about Scotland’s place in the UK while she stands by these independence-supporting candidates.

“She must either sack them, or admit she has next to no control over her own party.

“This goes beyond just a bit of embarrassment for Labour.

“The candidate for the Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire by-election is actually lying to voters by claiming to be the one to stand up to the SNP, while on social media she’s telling all her friends the precise opposite.

“These revelations go to show once again that it’s only the Scottish Conservatives who can be trusted on keeping Scotland a key part of the UK.”

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Yesterday, two Labour General Election candidates were unmasked as independence supporters:

<http://www.scottishconservatives.com/2017/05/labour-candidate-to-snp-voters-back-us-and-well-deliver-indyref2/>

<http://www.scottishconservatives.com/2017/05/revealed-the-labour-general-election-candidate-who-backs-separation/>

And today, a third has been revealed as an SNP sympathiser:

- **Jo Kirby shared a graphic promoting SNP policy on EU membership** (*Jo Kirby Facebook*, 24 June 2016, [link](#)).
  - **Kirby promoted an article describing the SNP as the ‘most credible political force in the UK’** (*Jo Kirby Facebook*, 26 June 2016, [link](#)).
  - **Kirby shared propaganda from a campaign for independence.** The post lauded Scots for ‘basing their nationality on civic rather than ethnic identity’ (*Jo Kirby Facebook*, 30 June 2016, [link](#)).
  - **Jo Kirby shared a speech by Angus Robertson which endorsed holding a second independence referendum.** Kirby shared the speech, in which Robertson said: ‘We have no intention whatsoever of seeing Scotland taken out of Europe. That would be totally, totally democratically unacceptable. We are a European country and we will stay a European country. And if it means we have to have an independence referendum to protect Scotland’s place, then so be it’ (*Jo Kirby Facebook*, 28 June 2016, [link](#)).
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## News story: CMA refers Cygnet/Cambian merger for in-depth investigation

Cygnet's merger with the Cambian adult services division of Cambian Group plc has been referred for an in-depth investigation.

On 21 April, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) said that it would [refer the merger for an in-depth investigation](#), called a phase 2 investigation, unless Cygnet offered acceptable undertakings to address competition concerns.

Cygnet has not offered any undertakings and the CMA will therefore now refer the merger.

The CMA's initial investigation identified competition concerns in relation to the provision of rehabilitation services to patients suffering from long-term mental health issues in 8 areas, and patients suffering from personality disorder in 4 areas.

A decision on the merger will be made by a group of independent panel members supported by a team of CMA staff. The deadline for the final report will be 17 October 2017.