

Statement update: Magilligan support dog

The Department of Justice has released the findings of an Animal Welfare visit by officers from Mid & East Antrim Borough Council to Magilligan Prison following concerns raised regarding the welfare of Bailey, a Northern Ireland Prison Service support dog.

Ellie Chowns to lead Green Group of MPs in Commons

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Dr. Ellie Chowns has been chosen unanimously by the Green MPs as Leader of the Parliamentary Green Party in the House of Commons.

This is a parliamentary designation required for the conduct of business in the House of Commons.

Ellie will lead on representing the Green MPs in Prime Minister's Questions and other formal Commons proceedings, and will be the Group's key point of contact for the House of Commons authorities.

This appointment does not affect the Green Party's national leadership arrangements, which continue to be determined by the party's membership through our established rules.

Ellie said: "I'm honoured to take on this role on behalf of the Green MPs. I look forward to continuing to work with all my excellent colleagues in Parliament and the newly elected Green Party leadership team to hold the government to account, advance Green policies, and represent the concerns of our constituents."

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[Making the UK-EU Reset Count](#)

Nearly five years on, the Conservatives' botched Brexit deal continues to hold back British people, our businesses and our economy. Mountains of red tape still stand between UK companies and their European customers, stifling growth and fraying vital ties with our closest neighbours.

At May's 'Reset Summit' with the EU, the Labour Government took some positive, but limited, steps toward repairing this damage. Making progress on new agreements and frameworks for defence and security cooperation was welcome.

But genuine ambition to rebuild our economic and security partnership remains lacking. This ambition is urgently needed as we face a hostile, imperial Putin and an unpredictable Trump on the world stage.

Liberal Democrats are calling on the Government to go further and faster. That means pushing Labour to drop its red lines and commit to a new, bespoke UK-EU Customs Union by 2030 – unlocking growth, security, and opportunity for the British people.

Today, our members have passed policy calling on the Government to:

- Immediately open talks on a bespoke **UK-EU Customs Union** to reduce barriers and support exporters.
- Move rapidly to agree a **Youth Mobility Scheme** with the EU, expanding reciprocal opportunities for young people.
- Secure UK association with key **EU regulatory agencies** such as the European Chemicals Agency, Aviation Safety Agency, and Medicines Agency.
- Provide certainty and a clear timeline for implementing the new **Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) framework agreement**.
- Confirm the UK's associate membership of the **European Defence Agency** and deepen engagement with Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) projects.
- **Expand defence-industrial cooperation** between the UK, EU member states, NATO, and the Joint Expeditionary Force.

Read our new policy in full

The Conservatives broke Britain's links with Europe and left our economy

weaker. The Labour Government's timidity is failing to make the progress needed to repair Britain's relationship with our closest neighbours.

Liberal Democrats will keep pushing for a new UK-EU Customs Union and closer cooperation. **The UK's security and prosperity is tied to Europe's. It's time to make the Reset Summit count.**

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Publication of the Quarterly Northern Ireland Outpatient, Inpatient and Day Case, and Diagnostic Waiting Times Statistics – Position on 30 June 2025

The Department of Health today published the quarterly Northern Ireland Outpatient, Inpatient and Day Case, and Diagnostic Waiting Times Statistics, relating to the position on 30 June 2025.

Kimmins announces £160,000 road scheme for Ferry Road, Coalisland

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that a £160,000 carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing scheme at U1017 Ferry Road, Coalisland, will commence on Monday 8 September 2025.