



Standing up for local services



Supporting our Armed Forces

Barnsley Bulletin

News from Michael Dugher MP

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I want Barnsley to get the best deal from Brexit

Barnsley voted to leave the EU. We now need to respect the will of the people and get the best deal

People in Barnsley voted overwhelmingly to leave the European Union. I voted for a referendum to take place because I believed the British people should decide our future. That's why I've voted repeatedly in Parliament to trigger 'Article 50' so that we can now get on with negotiating our exit from the EU.

Politicians must listen to the public and deliver a Brexit that works for Britain. We need to safeguard trade and jobs, as well as protect workers' rights and our public services like the NHS. And we need a tough new immigration system where we can control our own borders.

With your support, that is exactly what I will keep fighting for.



Michael speaks to residents at Wombwell market

Backing our armed forces

Here in Barnsley we are incredibly proud of our armed forces - and rightly so.

The brave men and women of our armed forces make incredible sacrifices to keep us safe. That is why we should give them all our support.

I campaigned for Barnsley Council to sign the 'Military Covenant'. That means committing to look after our armed forces personnel, their families and our veterans better in our community.

That's why I am an active member of my local Royal British Legion branch here in Barnsley.

I have also volunteered to spend at least 15 days a year in uniform with the Army as part of the 'Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme'. In this way I can show my support and learn more at first hand about how we can better support them in the future.

I have always felt that the first responsibility of any government is to keep our country safe. That's why I will continue to argue that we don't do anything to weaken our defences and that we always put national security first.



Michael on a tour of Barnsley Hospital with Chairman, Stephen Wragg, left, and Dr James Griffiths, right.

Dugher says it's time to save our National Health Service

Michael Dugher MP warns NHS is at breaking point due to Tory cuts - and angrily rejects calls by UKIP to privatise the NHS

Michael Dugher MP has warned of a deepening crisis in the NHS, as latest figures show Barnsley Hospital missing key targets again.

According to latest official figures, just 87.7 per cent of patients admitted to Barnsley Hospital's A&E were seen within four hours – well below the 95 per cent target set by government.

Praising NHS staff for their continued dedication and professionalism, Michael said the problems are a direct result of decisions taken by Ministers. He blamed the crisis on cuts to hospitals, GP surgeries and £4.6bn worth of cuts to social care. He also urged Ministers to rethink planned cuts to local community pharmacies.

Commenting, Michael said: "The Hospital is doing its best but pressure on Barnsley Hospital has increased because people are finding it harder than ever to see their GP.

"Social care is being starved of the money it needs and Ministers are in denial about the problem. Government cuts and closures to our

local pharmacies can only make things worse.

"We know there are reviews into services due to cash shortages that may see A&Es closed or downgraded. Some services like hip replacements may be harder to access and some treatments may no longer be available in Barnsley".

Rejecting calls by the UKIP leader Paul Nuttall to introduce privatisation of the NHS, Michael added: "We all rely on the NHS. We do not want to see services privatised, as UKIP have called for, because access to treatment should be based on your need - not your ability to pay."



Michael visits an estate in Kendray to talk to residents and police

Michael calls for more bobbies on the beat to deal with yobs

Barnsley MP Michael Dugher has called for an increase in community policing after new figures show crime is up, following Government cuts to police numbers in South Yorkshire.

South Yorkshire Police has lost 415 police officers and 58 PCSOs since 2010. Safer Neighbourhood Teams - which used to ensure regular patrols on Barnsley's streets - were also abolished.

Michael blamed these cuts for the increased crime rate. The crime rate in Barnsley East rose from 778 in December 2015 to 893 in December 2016 - a rise of 15%.

Michael recently hosted a visit in Kendray by South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Dr Alan Billings, where there has been a surge in anti-social behaviour.

Michael said:

"We need a zero tolerance attitude to deal with the handful of yobs that make life a misery for the majority of decent, respectable, hardworking

members of our community. We need more bobbies on the beat and tough action including more arrests."

Michael has also called for greater protection for our police officers and other emergency service workers who face being physically assaulted and abused whilst carrying out their duties.

He recently co-sponsored a new Bill in Parliament to ensure tough new powers and penalties to deal with offenders.

"Michael firmly believes in neighbourhood policing and we work together to ensure that the numbers of officers and PCSOs are maintained despite cuts in Government grants" - Dr Alan Billings

Why I'm backing Michael

Michael has been working hard to help residents and support local services



Julie Allen
Headteacher, Birkwood Primary School and
Proud of Barnsley winner

"Michael cares passionately about children and young people, whether through supporting our School Council or helping our school community to go from strength to strength. We have always considered Michael to be a friend and supporter of our school".



Tony Dutton BEM
Wombwell Royal British Legion and Friends of Wombwell Cemetery

"Michael is always willing to support local community groups and provide whatever help he can for our cause. His commitment to our community is second-to-none".



Sarah Jayne Harrison
NHS worker from Elsecar

"I know Michael really cares about our NHS in Barnsley. He's always been a passionate campaigner to defend our NHS - keep up the good work!"

Retired miners deserve a better deal

Michael has been fighting in Parliament to get a better deal for Barnsley's former miners and their widows from the mineworkers' pension scheme.

Under the current settlement agreed by the Tory Government in 1994, the Government receives 50 per cent of all surpluses and has benefited by £3.36bn - despite putting nothing in.

Commenting, Michael said:

"I grew up in a pit village and I believe this country owes a huge debt of gratitude to our former miners.

"I have called on the Government to urgently review the current terms and to secure a better and fairer deal for ex-miners and their families".

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"Since I was first elected in 2010, I've worked on nearly 11,000 cases on behalf of constituents. If I can help you, please get in touch".

**Michael Dugher MP
Barnsley East**

THANKS TO THE TORIES' SPRING BUDGET, WORKING FAMILIES ARE ON AVERAGE SET TO BE OVER £1,400 A YEAR WORSE OFF.



Labour

The recent budget shows just whose side the Tories are really on

Michael Dugher MP has blasted the Chancellor over the recent Budget which will see families in Barnsley £1,400 a year worse off, according to the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies.

He also condemned the Chancellor's attempt to impose a National Insurance Tax increase, which would

have hit 5,300 self-employed workers in Barnsley East. This resulted in an embarrassing Government u-turn.

The Chancellor also failed to upgrade the National Minimum Wage that would have helped the lowest-paid workers here in Barnsley.

Yet at the same time chose

to cut inheritance tax that only benefits the wealthiest estates - especially in London and the South East - and he introduced big tax cuts for big business.

The Chancellor's extra money for social care will do little to plug the £4.6bn black hole created already by cuts. And the £216 million for schools is a drop in the

ocean compared to the £3bn loss from schools budgets. Schools in Barnsley are set to lose £6.6m.

Commenting, Michael said:

"Once again this Government has shown it is not on the side of ordinary working families."

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What could Labour do to improve things in our area?

In 2015 I voted:

- Labour
- Tory
- UKIP
- Other
- Didn't Vote

Now I'm voting:

- Labour
- Tory
- UKIP
- Other
- Don't Know

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