

# The Labour Party

Camberwell and Peckham Labour Party

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Monthly Report— November/December 2016

### Camberwell & Peckham EC

The officers of the Camberwell and Peckham Labour Party were elected at our AGM in November and I'd like to thank them for taking up their roles and for all the work they will be doing. In 2017, unlike last year, there will be no elections so it's an opportunity to build our relationship with local people, support our Labour Council and discuss the way forward for the party in difficult times. I look forward to working with our officers and all members on this.

Happy New Year!

*Harriet Harman*

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| Ellie Cumbo        | Chair                             |
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| Laura Alozie       | Treasurer                         |
| Katharine Morshead | Secretary                         |
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| Youcef Hassaine    | Equalities Officer                |
| Jack Taylor        | Political Education Officer       |
| Victoria Olisa     | Affiliates and Supporters Liaison |
| Harjeet Sahota     | Youth Officer                     |
| Fiona Colley       | Auditor                           |
| Sunny Lambe        | Auditor                           |

### Labour's National NHS Campaign Day

Now we've got a Tory government again, and as always happens with a Tory government, healthcare for local people suffers, waiting lists grow, it gets more difficult to see your GP, hospital services are stretched and health service staff are under more pressure.

As usual there were further cuts to the NHS in Philip Hammond's Autumn Statement last month. The Chancellor didn't even mention social care in his speech.

Alongside local Labour councillors Jamille Mohammed, Nick Dolezal & Jasmine Ali I joined local party members in Rye Lane to show our support for the #CareForTheNHS campaign. The aim was to highlight the Government's failings on health and to talk to local people about how Labour intends to save the NHS. We talked to people about the concerns and issues that are affecting them locally.

You can read my recent article on the crisis in the NHS [here](#).



### Government Concede Labour's Calls to Publish Brexit Plan before Article 50

For the last few months Labour have been pushing the Government to put their plan for Brexit before Parliament and the public. Without a plan people are suffering unnecessary uncertainty and worry, including the 3 million EU citizens living in the UK who have been given no assurance about their right to stay after Article 50 is triggered.

It is essential that the House of Commons and the British people have the chance to scrutinise the Government's Brexit plan. After months of Labour pressure and parliamentary debates, the Government announced that they would publish their plan before they trigger Article 50 early next year.

The Government now need to focus on ensuring that they deliver the best possible Brexit deal, doing all they can to protect jobs, the economy, living standards and human rights.

Labour will hold them to account on this every step of the way. You can read my article on why Parliament must be consulted on Brexit [here](#).

### Business and Human Rights—Visit to Turkey



Almost 3 million Syrian refugees have fled Turkey, half of whom are under 18. Many work illegally in textiles, and UK businesses must ensure child labour is not found in any stage of their production. As part of the Joint Committee on

Human Rights' ongoing focus on business and human rights I visited Istanbul and Ankara with MPs Karen Buck and Amanda Solloway, and Baroness Doreen Lawrence. We visited factories which manufacture clothes for UK brands Marks and Spencer, Next and Asos and met representatives from the Turkish Government, Turkish human rights committee, UK Foreign Office, and NGOs including Unicef, UNHCR, and the Women's Coalition.



### Christmas visit to Royal Mail Delivery Office in Camberwell

At no other time is the hard work and dedication of postmen and women clearer than during the festive period. I visited Royal Mail staff at the Camberwell Delivery office to say thank you for the extraordinary lengths they go to ensure Christmas cards and presents are delivered to loved ones on time, and for all they do year-round.



### Gala Dinner at Caravaggio

We were delighted to have Shadow Secretary of State for Brexit Keir Starmer MP as our guest speaker joining local party members and councillors for the annual Camberwell & Peckham Labour Party Gala dinner.



Many thanks to Caroline Horgan & Kate Saunders for organising and arranging a fun auction & raffle.

### Damilola Taylor Trust Memorial Lecture

It was an honour to attend the first Damilola Taylor Trust Memorial Lecture on the 16th anniversary of Damilola's death.



### Remembrance Sunday

At Borough High St war memorial I joined the Mayor, councillors, civic leaders, members of our armed services and local people for a service of remembrance.



### Campaigning in Nunhead

Thanks to Cllr Colley and Cllr Rhule for campaigning in Nunhead Ward and to local members who joined us. It's vital that Labour is out and about knocking on people's doors, showing an interest in their lives, listening to their concerns and picking up issues which need to be acted on. Hope to see you next time!

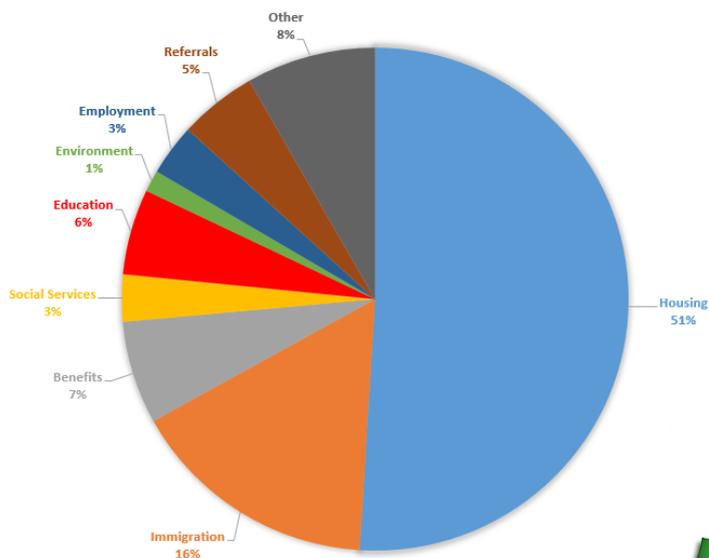


## Casework Update

### In October & November :

- Action on 547 cases
- Including 363 new cases
- All replies within 10 working days

CASEWORK BREAKDOWN: OCTOBER - NOVEMBER



### Southwark Police Visit to #WalktheMet

The run-up to Christmas and in particular the 15th and 16th December is the busiest period of the year for the police. Last week I visited police stations in Camberwell and Peckham to take part in their #WalktheMet campaign. I met Southwark Superintendent Liz Hughes to discuss knife crime, domestic violence and police numbers in Southwark, and joined Met Commissioner Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, Sergeant Andy Sellings, PC Mark McKay and Cllr Kieron Williams to visit Jephson Street and the Samuel Lewis Trust Estate. Thanks to all at Southwark Police for the work they do.



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