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Old Kent Road Branch Report

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Helping people in Old Kent Road Ward

People from Old Kent Road seek my help for many different reasons including housing, immigration and visa problems and getting the benefits they're entitled to. Often I am able to cut through red tape, challenge an injustice and make progress for them. Since June 2017 **426** people in Old Kent Road ward have contacted me for help for the first time. Here are some examples:



The solicitors of a detained Chinese man contacted me because they were lodging an appeal with the Court of Appeals and they wanted my help to halt his imminent deportation to China. I made urgent enquiries with UKVI and they deferred his removal. He is now back at home with his partner and his appeal is pending.

A single mother with a young family, contacted me because she needed urgent help after suffering years of domestic violence. She wanted to be rehoused and I contacted the council to press them to act given the serious risk posed to their safety. She has been rehoused.

A Congolese woman contacted me because her 15 year old daughter went on a school trip to Geneva and wasn't being allowed back into the UK as she had lost her Biometric Residence Permit. Her application for a replacement permit had been delayed. I urgently wrote to the Home Office and a replacement document was issued to enable her to get home.



A woman living in a council property contacted me to ask for help sorting the serious leaks in her bathroom, toilet and kitchen. I wrote to Southwark Council and they carried out the repair work in the same week.



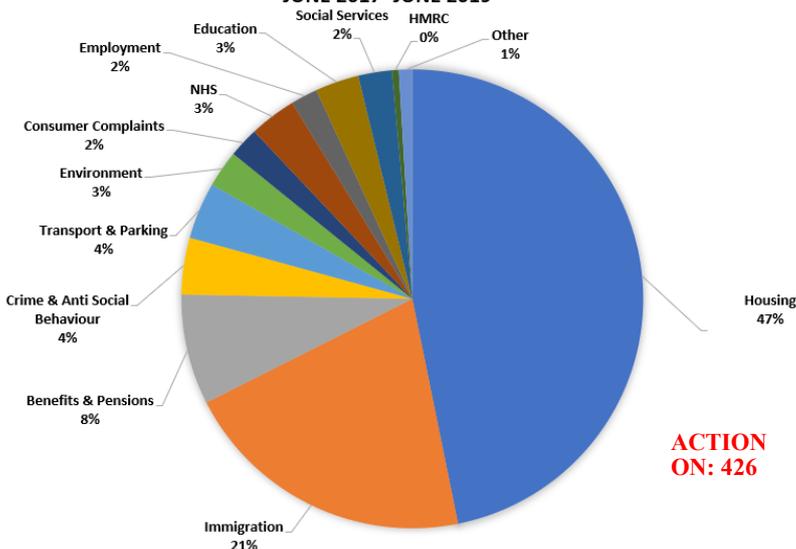
The Grounds Keeper at Ilderton Primary School contacted me about a dangerous uncovered drain just outside the school gate. He had reported it to the council but nothing had been done. He feared pupils would get seriously hurt if the drain was not covered before the start of the new school term. I wrote to the council to ask for the repairs to be carried out urgently and the drain has now been covered.

A Nigerian man from Old Kent Road contacted me as he had made an application for further leave to remain in the UK and it had yet to be considered. Meanwhile he was unable to work and provide for his family. I made an urgent enquiry with the Home Office on his behalf and he has now been granted a further 2 1/2 years leave.

A woman whose flat on the Friary Estate was in a state of disrepair and had multiple leaks contacted me because she was concerned about the effect this was having on her health as she suffers from heart and lung disease. I wrote to Southwark Council to ask them to carry out repairs urgently. The leaks were repaired and her property was redecorated.



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