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## **Coronavirus Crisis Report 3**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**



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## Introduction

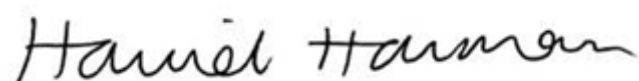
The virus continues to infect more people in Southwark and take more lives. The number of suspected infections and in deaths in Southwark is amongst the highest. And within Southwark the virus is hitting Peckham hardest. Everyone is so grateful to our NHS, careworkers, police and those workers in other essential services who are helping save lives, helping protect the vulnerable during lockdown and keeping essential services, like shops, open. As the weeks of lockdown continue people are getting increasingly short of money and worried about the future for their jobs. Financial support for families in the lockdown is crucial and the government must continue the salary support schemes so that businesses can keep going and still be there when the lockdown finishes. An economic recession in lockdown is inevitable. But the government can protect people and businesses from its worst effect and they should not hesitate to do everything they can.

This is my third report during the COVID crisis in which I:

- share with you how I'm seeking to go about my work as MP during this coronavirus crisis,
- hear from you if you agree with how I'm approaching things and
- what further issues you think I should be addressing.

I, and my office team, continue to help constituents and to raise issues with the government or with agencies if they do not appear to have them on their agenda. Where they are aware of problems but appear to be taking too long to solve them I am pressuring government to act more speedily.

I continue to support the public health guidance which the government has issued.



## Constituency problems – update

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought many new problems and made many existing problems worse. So there has been an increase in the number of constituents seeking my help. Those who are in overcrowded or unsuitable homes or who have troublesome neighbours feel it even more keenly when they are confined to those homes and their problems become more pressing. Those who already had financial problems are finding that the COVID-19 crisis only makes them worse. My casework team continue to deal with pre-existing problems as well as the new COVID-19 problems. I have taken action on behalf of **1,182** constituents in March and April.

### Case summaries:

- A woman living in Peckham in a one-bed flat with her four children aged 1 to 12 years old, one of whom has recently been diagnosed with autism, asked for my help with moving into a more suitable home. Her autistic daughter is becoming increasingly distressed and violent in reaction to being cooped up in their overcrowded flat during the Covid-19 lockdown. My constituent does vital work as an NHS pharmacy assistant. I have made urgent enquiries to her housing

association and Southwark Council to ask for support for this family and for them to be moved into a larger property.

- Mrs A who is originally from Portugal and who now lives in Peckham flew to Portugal when the COVID-19 outbreak began to help support family members. She asked for my help because she and her husband cannot return home now because of the lockdown and they are concerned that this absence from the UK will jeopardise their application for British Citizenship. They've applied for British citizenship and they qualify but there's a 90 day limit for absence when applying for citizenship and they fear that they might fall foul of that because of lockdown and through no fault of their own. The Home Office told them that there is no policy for absence caused by the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. I'm asking the Home Office urgently to put plans in place to ensure people's citizenship applications are not jeopardised.
- A woman from Peckham with a respiratory condition asked for my help because she was having problems getting her medication during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was told there would be a delay in getting her prescription but not how long it would be. She waited 10 days with no news and one of her medications ran out. When she called the online pharmacy, they said her order would be dispatched urgently, but when she checked the next day the order hadn't been dispatched. The pharmacy told her there was an issue with her payment, but then later told her it was a technical issue their side. I asked the pharmacy to sort it out urgently and she now has the medication she needs.

**1,880** constituents have emailed me on policy issues since the beginning of March, the majority relating to COVID-19. Issues raised since my second COVID-19 report on 17<sup>th</sup> April include:

- The need for government to give financial support for nurseries.
- The need to ensure airline bailouts protect workers.
- The need for the government to suspend the No Recourse to Public Funds condition during the crisis.
- The need for women healthcare workers (whose faces are usually smaller than men's) to have Personal Protective Equipment that fits them properly.
- the need for support for our universities, especially those focused on arts and humanities.
- the need to opening cemeteries as spaces for exercise.
- the need for government action to ensure that no child is left hungry while schools are shut.

### **Helping people who do not qualify for either government income support scheme - update**

There are over 15,000 self-employed people in Camberwell and Peckham. They work in many different occupations, from dentists to cleaners and hair stylists. But many are unable to benefit from either of the government's new income support schemes. Telling people that they can rely on Universal Credit when more than 130,000 people are queuing online simply isn't good enough, and there is a real risk that without support people will feel they have to work, putting their and others' health at risk.

I am continuing to press the government on a range of issues:

- Urging the Chancellor to allow people to file their 2019/20 returns early and get support based on this.
- To lift the cut off of £50,000 on self-employed people getting support. If your average trading profit over three years is a penny higher than £50,000 you can't get any help. Many people who have contacted me have little to no income coming in as they've stopped work to adhere to social distancing, or people have stopped buying their services. Some are single parents and desperately worried about how they will cover rent and bills.
- To provide more support for people who have been made redundant during the crisis and cannot find more work.
- I remain very concerned about the 100s of people in Southwark working in creative occupations and the arts who are freelance and who are excluded from both of the government support schemes. Many operate as directors of small limited companies and rely heavily on dividends. This means that receiving 80% of their salary is not enough to live on. I am calling on the Government to close the loophole in the job retention schemes by allowing small limited company directors to claim for 80% of filed average earnings, including dividends. [\*\*I have co-signed EDM 351 demanding more support.\*\*](#)

## Help for Small Businesses Update

Southwark Council is one of the best councils in the country for getting grant money to small businesses quickly and they've helped people by creating a hardship fund. But the Government is being inexcusably slow to feed grant money through to councils and businesses on the ground who need help right now. I am continuing to urge the Chancellor to resolve the delays in the Business Interruption Loans and to give councils the money they need to help local businesses. I am pleased that the Communities Secretary has announced that a [reevaluation of business rates will no longer take place in 2021.](#)



**FSB Greater London** @FSBGtrLondon · Apr 21



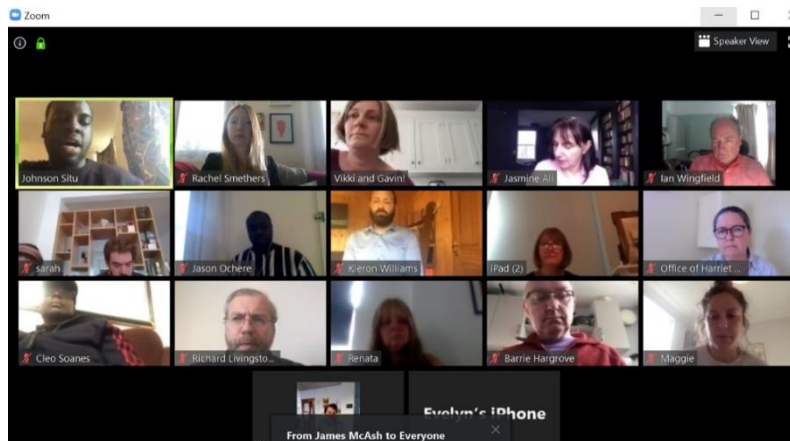
Well done [@lb\\_southwark](#) for being one of the top councils for getting Grant Money (93%) to small businesses quick and creating a hardship fund [southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wel...](#) - [@londoncouncils](#) [@fsb\\_policy](#)

## Backing Camberwell and Peckham councillors in their tireless efforts to support local people

On our recent zoom call we discussed:

- Helping care workers get fair sick pay and early supermarket slots for personal shopping.
- PPE for local keyworkers, including Southwark Council workers.
- Our efforts to get people from Camberwell and Peckham stranded overseas safely home.
- Southwark Council support for Small Businesses and the self-employed.

- How best to keep cemeteries and parks open especially for the sake of those who live in overcrowded flats and who don't have gardens or balconies
- Nurseries not being entitled to furlough funding.
- School closures and support that's needed for families with children with special educational needs.
- Council efforts to house homeless people. Since the COVID outbreak started Southwark Council has helped over 300 people off the streets and into safe accommodation.
- Backing the councillors in their call to suspend the No Recourse for Public Funds condition for migrants and asylum seekers.



## **Prime Minister must fund Southwark Council to sustain people through this crisis and rebuild after it**

Now, more than ever, it's clear that councils are delivering services which central government or national agencies can't and don't do and that councils know the best and most effective solutions for their communities.

Despite some additional funding from government, Southwark Council are facing a funding shortfall of tens of millions of pounds. This covers the increasing cost pressures particularly on social care, housing and homelessness but also a loss of income, pressure created by a growing welfare crisis and the difficulty delivering previously proposed budget savings for 2020-21.

Every penny that has been used in the last eight weeks has been done in a considered and prudent way – to protect residents and key workers, to reduce transmission, to reduce the level of crisis created by the lockdown and always with an eye to managing a long and challenging recovery, especially in those communities with high levels of deprivation. Extra spending has not been optional. The Council's priority has been to protect against hardship, sustain businesses, and to support social distancing.

As Southwark MPs, Helen Hayes MP, Neil Coyle MP and I are urging the Prime Minister to make good on his promise that government will cover the full costs to councils of supporting people through COVID-19, and ensure that Southwark Council has the future resources necessary to put the borough back on the path to security and prosperity for all its residents.

## Concern about the future of our local nurseries

I know how important nurseries are, both for children's development and enabling parents to work. This is particularly important in Camberwell and Peckham and our nurseries are greatly valued. The COVID-19 lockdown has forced many nurseries to close. Of the 114 nurseries registered in Southwark, just 20 remain open. We must ensure our invaluable nursery provision survives this lockdown and reopens as soon as the restrictions are lifted.

I am pressing the Chancellor to create a special fund for nurseries. I have written to every nursery that has had to close to find out whether they are confident that they will be able to re-open at the end of the lockdown and to offer my support for getting them the help they need.



**Harriet Harman** @HarrietHarman · 25 Apr

Govt have announced special fund for uk zoos. Which is welcome. But time now for a special sustainability fund for nurseries!



**Karen Buck** @KarenPBuckMP · 25 Apr

Government has failed to understand the mixed private/public funding model which #nurseries depend on to survive, as we are hearing on @BBCr4today this morning. Now quarter of a million childcare places are at risk. Our own @JuneOSullivan @LEYFonline explains why. [twitter.com/JuneOSullivan/...](https://twitter.com/JuneOSullivan/)

## Social distancing in local streets and parks

Our streets and our parks are public assets. We need to ensure that they are prioritized for those who need them most. Camberwell and Peckham is the constituency with the highest density of families living in social housing flats and many of them have no outdoor space or gardens. You can't keep proper social distance of 2 metres on narrow pavements. I am pleased that council has reopened local cemeteries, including Nunhead cemetery and is widening roads to help people walk and cycle safely:



**Jasmine Ali** @Jasmine\_Ali · 1 May

#Peckham neighbours: Rye Lane pavement widened to aid distancing  
#staysafe



Southwark Police are helping inform people about the social distancing rules and protecting people from the small minority who are breaching them. Over the weekends they deployed an additional 23 officers to proactively patrol open spaces and deal with incidents, e.g. in Burgess Park. The local police report that the vast



majority of people using the parks in Southwark are adhering to social-distancing, only exercising, or walking with members of the same household. Those who are not adhering to these guidelines are spoken to and encouraged to return home. Burgess Park will remain one of the enhanced patrol areas over the coming weeks. I am grateful to have regular updates with Borough Commander Wingrove and the Southwark Police team and for all of their work.



**Southwark Council** @lb\_southwark · 2 May

You asked and we listened - following similar schemes across the city we're helping residents [#StaySafe](#) and keep their distance when out and about. We've provided more pedestrian space and we're looking at other locations across the borough as well [#SouthwarkTogether](#)



**#StaySafe**

## Care homes cannot be left behind in our battle against Coronavirus

There are 8 residential homes care in Camberwell and Peckham. I've contacted them all to tell them how much we value their work and to offer to take up any of their concerns and I am demanding government make them a priority for PPE and testing and treated the same as other health workers.

As set out in Coronavirus report 1, I previously wrote to local supermarkets to ask them to set aside priority delivery slots to care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I am pleased that Asda has replied to say they will give Garden House Care Home in Camberwell, a home for adults with learning disabilities, a priority pass. This gives them priority booking and allows them to get their full weekly shop for their residents through our online shopping service. So staff don't have to spend hours in the shops putting themselves and vulnerable residents at risk of catching Covid. In total, Asda are helping 3,500 care homes and from mid-May, have told me they will be donating 250,000 medical grade face masks to help keep care home workers and their residents safe.

This crisis has shown we must change the way we treat older people, show greater respect for those who work in the social care sector, properly fund this vital service and give support to help more people to stay in their own homes in the future. Social care must be Cinderella services no more!

## Supporting local hospitals and mental health services

In a recent call with the Chair of the Maudsley, Norman Lamb, he informed me that sadly 33 patients have died from COVID-19. He told me the Maudsley are working

hard to safely discharge all the patients who can be supported in the community in order to reduce the to prevent risk of infection in the hospital I remain concerned that nurses, doctors, and all the staff at the Maudsley and at King's must have the PPE they need and am in regular contact with nurses and the leadership teams at both hospitals. I will continue to raise issues with the Health Secretary.

As more people are bereaved, unemployment increases and more women and children are subjected to domestic violence, there will inevitably be an increase in mental health problems. I asked the Maudsley to develop online services to help people cope with bereavement and anxiety, and to ensure staff get the support they need coping with the unprecedented tragedy and stress.

Children and young people are especially affected by anxiety during lockdown, they are more likely to have future study and travel plans on hold, be struggling without school or friends, live in insecure housing and have less financial stability. From this week, young people in Southwark aged 13 - 25 can ring a dedicated number to speak to someone, have a video call, or use an online chat service to connect to experts at [the new 'Nest' mental health service, launched by the council](https://www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk). The service is accessible in digital format too.



**THE NEST**  
'Nurturing Healthy Minds'

**10 tips to help you cope with lockdown  
and look after your mental wellbeing**

- Switch off from the news
- Keep up your social life
- Don't forget about others
- Stick to a routine
- Make use of your time
- Use your time to relax
- Keep doing the essentials
- Talk about how you are feeling
- Catch up on sleep
- Get some fresh air

[www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk](https://www.thenestsouthwark.org.uk)

After lockdown restrictions are lifted the physical building will open on 255 Rye Lane, Peckham, London SE15 4UP. When the doors are open, the council plan to expand the service to support all children and young people under the age of 25.

## **Parliament is operating again, remotely**

Parliamentary scrutiny of government action is particularly important during the Corona pandemic. MPs have adapted to our new way of working quickly – and there is a new system of voting remotely from our smartphones. Prime Minister's Questions, Urgent Questions, Ministerial Statements and Select Committee hearings are fully operational working remotely. (After 800 years of hardly any change!) As MPs we continue to scrutinise the government and speak up for the concerns of our constituents.

But I am concerned that the government is blocking the establishment of the Liaison Committee and trying to impose a chair of its own choice. The Liaison Committee is the chairs of all of the select committees, tasked with holding the Prime Minister to account. It appears that the government is not establishing the Liaison Committee



because they don't want the Prime Minister to be questioned. With the backing of other chairs [I have tabled an amendment](#) to prevent the government imposing their choice of chair of the Liaison Committee. If they did that it would fatally undermine the credibility and independence of the Liaison committee and our scrutiny work.



Committee chairs protest Government plans to "undermine" scrutiny  
Influential backbenchers have tabled an amendment to try to prevent the Government installing its own choice as chair of the powerful Liaison ...  
[politicshome.com](#)

## Domestic Abuse Bill

Evidence is mounting that it's grim and downright dangerous for women locked down with an abusive man. In our first week of considering new legislation in the Corona Parliament we had the second reading of the Domestic Abuse Bill. What the Bill does, for the first time, is recognise that services to support women subjected to domestic abuse are essential, not optional extras, and must be available throughout the country. To stop it being a postcode lottery, where whether you get the support you need to protect yourself and your children depends on where you live, it will put a new duty on councils to support victims of domestic abuse and give courts new powers to protect them.

I welcome the government announcement of an additional £76 million fund for domestic violence refuges during lockdown, following pressure from Labour and women's organisations. It is tragic that this money is needed. But so important that government has agreed the need for funding for vital services to protect women and children trapped in lockdown with violent men.

But there's another thing that the Bill should do which it doesn't. And that is [end the "rough sex" defence](#). It's always been the case that men have blamed the women who they've assaulted. The man presents himself as the victim of her nagging or accuses her of infidelity that 'provoked him'. Until 2009 it was automatic that a man who killed



**The Telegraph**

The new Domestic Abuse Bill doesn't go far enough - we need to end t...  
As the Domestic Abuse Bill reaches its Second Reading today, Harriet Harman MP, Mother of the House of Commons, explains why the Bill ...  
[telegraph.co.uk](#)

his wife would escape a murder charge by arguing she provoked him, getting a manslaughter charge instead.

Now we have a new and grisly version where men who kill women claim that it was violence inflicted at her request, during sex. If it's his hands round her neck that stopped her breathing then he must take responsibility. Same for if she dies of internal bleeding from injuries caused by objects he's shoved up inside her. The Prime Minister has promised to tackle it. But this injustice will not be solved by more training or guidelines for judges. Nothing less than the law will change it. I'm tabling amendments to the Bill. Ministers have a historic opportunity to stamp out this horrific "50 shades of grey" defence and they must seize it.

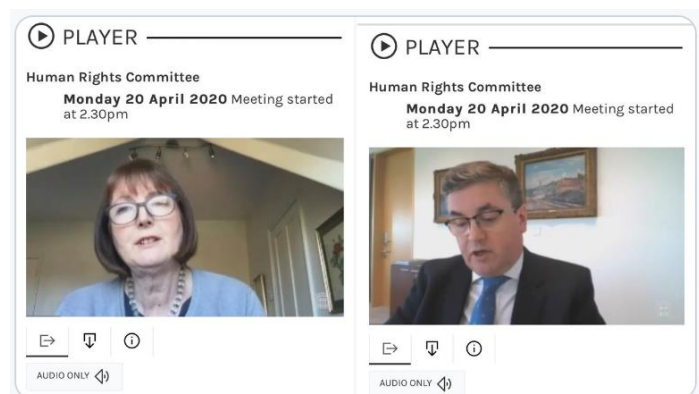


[Watch my speech in the remote parliament here](#)

[Listen to my Talk Radio interview here](#)

## Human Rights in the COVID-19 Crisis

I strongly support the police helping with the social distancing which is vital to protect our NHS and save lives. But there are reports from around the country of the police overstepping the mark and being heavy-handed. As chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, I held an evidence session asking questions to the Justice Secretary, Robert Buckland, who is the Cabinet Minister responsible for human rights.



### We asked about:

- How government is monitoring and ensuring police compliance with human rights.
- The lack of protection for children with autism detained in residential institutions with their parents now not able to visit them and without inspections.
- The need to release from prison women convicted of non-violent crimes. Their children are banned from visiting them because of COVID and have lost their right to family life.



**UK Parliament Human Rights Committee** ✓ @HumanRig... · 20 Apr  
 . @RobertBuckland tells us that 13 prisoners have been confirmed to have sadly died with Coronavirus and a number of staff. 280 cases have been diagnosed. @HarrietHarman suggests that the @MoJGovUK should consider publishing a daily update on these figures.



**Harriet Harman** ✓ @HarrietHarman · 20 Apr  
 Me to Justice Sec @RobertBuckland: Do you really think the public's confidence in the criminal justice system would collapse if you let non-violent mothers out of prison to protect their young children's right to family life now visits are cancelled? #COVID19 @HumanRightsCtte

**Watch the session [here](#).**

## Contact Tracing App – New law needed to protect people's privacy rights

The government is rightly doing everything possible to save lives by introducing a contact tracing app to halt the spread of the virus, but people need to know details of how contact tracing will work and be confident government will store personal data safely. We held an evidence session focused on the human rights and privacy implications of the app, which is currently being piloted on the Isle of Wight.



**Harriet Harman** ✓ @HarrietHarman · 3 May  
 Tomorrow @HumanRightsCtte will ask NHSX & Information Commissioner how this will work to help halt virus & how they'll protect privacy? Will App be voluntary? What about children? Will police use info?



**Christopher Hope** ✓ @christopherhope · 3 May  
 NEW New NHS app is going into testing this week on Isle of Wight and will be rolled out in two or three weeks' time, Grant Shapps confirms. Govt needs 50pc-60pc of the UK to sign up to it. It will be completely confidential.  
 He says: "It will be a great way to support the NHS."  
[Show this thread](#)

Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock has given assurances about privacy protection for the data collected but assurances from Ministers are not enough. We need protection in law for the data gathered. The contact tracing app involves unprecedented data gathering. There must be robust legal protections for individuals limiting what that data will be used for, who will have access to it and how it will be safeguarded from hacking. Parliament was able quickly to agree to sweeping powers on social distancing and lockdown. It is perfectly possible for Parliament to do the same for legislation to protect privacy before national rollout of the app.

[The Joint Committee on Human Rights has drafted a Bill to do this and has presented it to government.](#)



[Watch the evidence session here](#)

[Listen to my BBC Radio 4 interview, from 2:42:00](#)

## Update on constituents stranded overseas

62 constituents have now contacted me stranded in 19 countries, with their flights to return home cancelled. They found it hard to get through to the British consular officials and when they did were simply told to contact their airline. They found that either there were no flights, or they were offered tickets at exorbitant prices, for example 2 constituents stranded in New Zealand were offered tickets costing over £5,000.



**Harriet Harman**  @HarrietHarman · 24 Apr

So pleased he's back home safe. And thanks too to @fco & my dedicated casework team!



**Revd Sandra Schloss** @sandra87834437 · 24 Apr

With thanks to @HarrietHarman true to her word and did indeed contact the FCO to get my son back from Uganda, chasing them up when they failed to respond. Also thanks to the Dutch Embassy, whose flight was more reasonable cost than Qatar airlines, extortion my son is back home.

Name	Current Location	Date FCO Contacted	Response Received?	Constituent Details	Home?
Ms A	France (Prev Morocco)	17/03/2020	24/03/2020	Contacted me 17/3/20 - Woman on holiday	Yes
Mr B	Vietnam	24/03/2020	25/03/2020	Mother contacted me 24/3/20 - 22 y/o man visiting travelling in Vietnam	
Ms C	Cape Verde	20/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Partner contacted me 18/3/20 - 29	Yes - arrived 21/03/2020

				y/o woman on holiday with friend	
Mr D	New Zealand	25/03/2020	09/04/2020	Contacted me 25/3/20 - 37 y/o male with MS - on holiday with partner	Yes - arrived 19/04/2020
Mr E	New Zealand	25/03/2020	09/04/2020	Contacted me 25/3/20 - 41 y/o man - on holiday with partner	Yes - arrived 19/04/2020
Ms F	New Zealand	25/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Contacted me 23/3/20 - 63 y/o solo female traveller - visiting New Zealand to perform as comedian	Yes - arrived 03/04/2020
Ms G	Peru	23/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Father contacted me 20/2/20 - 27 y/o woman on holiday with friend	Yes - arrived 31/03/2020
Ms H	New Zealand	25/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 65 y/o woman on holiday with partner	Yes - arrived 17/04/2020
Ms I	New Zealand	25/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 62 y/o woman on holiday with partner	Yes - arrived 17/04/2020
Mr J	Jamaica	25/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Wife contacted me 24/3/20 - 61 y/o man visiting family	Yes - arrived 01/04/2020
Mr K	New Zealand	25/03/2020 (renewed)	No	Father contacted me 24/3/20 - 25 y/o man on holiday with girlfriend	
Ms L	Argentina	25/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 60 y/o woman &	



				recently retired GP travelling with partner	
Mr M	Argentina	25/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 55 y/o man travelling with partner	
Ms N	New Zealand	25/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 25 y/o female social worker travelling with partner	Yes - arrived 07/04/2020
Mr O	New Zealand	25/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Contacted me 24/3/20 - 26 y/o male doctor travelling with partner	Yes - arrived 07/04/2020
Ms P	Ghana	25/03/2020	02/04/2020	Contacted me 25/3/20 - 45 y/o woman travelling with 21-mth-old son	Yes - arrived 30/03/2020
Master Q	Ghana	25/03/2020	02/04/2020	Mother contacted me 25/3/20 - 21-mth-old boy travelling with mother,	Yes - arrived 30/03/2020
Ms R	Nigeria	25/03/2020 (renewed)	09/04/2020	25/3/20 - Cllr Hargrove contacted on behalf of const - 53 y/o woman attending mother's funeral	
Ms S	New Zealand	26/03/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Contacted me 25/3/20 - female solo traveller - arrived home in UK 29/3/20 flight via USA	Yes - arrived 29/03/2020
Mr T	Uganda	26/03/2020 (renewed)	09/04/2020	Mother contacted me 26/3/20 - 22	Yes - arrived 23/04/2020



				y/o male travelling solo for study	
Mr U	New Zealand	26/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Case referred to me 26/3/20 - 31 y/o male on holiday with his partner	
Mr V	New Zealand	26/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 26/3/20 - on holiday with French partner	
Ms W	Australia	26/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Case referred to me 26/3/20 - solo female traveller	Yes
Master X	Nigeria	26/03/2020 (renewed)	09/04/2020	Father contacted me 23/3/20 - 15 y/o boy attending school in Nigeria	Yes - arrived 18/04/2020
Ms Y	India	27/03/2020 (renewed)	09/04/2020	Contacted me 27/3/20 - solo female traveller visiting family	
Mr Z	India	27/03/2020	05/04/2020	Contacted me 27/3/20 - male traveller visiting family of a friend	
Ms A	Honduras	27/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 25/3/20 - 34 y/o woman travelling with partner	
Mr B	Honduras	27/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 25/3/20 - 33 y/o man travelling with partner	
Mr C	Peru	30/03/2020 (renewed)	08/04/2020	Contacted me 24/3/20 - male solo traveller on holiday	Yes

Ms D	India	30/03/2020	09/04/2020	Contacted me 30/3/20 - 51 y/o woman with breast cancer travelling alone	
Mr E	New Zealand	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Contacted me 30/3/20 - Man travelling with wife and 2 young daughters	
Mrs F	New Zealand	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Husband contacted me 30/3/20 - Woman travelling with husband and 2 young daughters	
Miss G	New Zealand	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Father contacted me 30/3/20 - Girl travelling with mother, father and sister	
Miss H	New Zealand	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Father contacted me 30/3/20 - Girl travelling with mother, father and sister	
Ms I	Algeria	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Contacted me 30/3/20 - 31 y/o woman travelling with 7 month old daughter	
Miss J	Algeria	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Mother contacted me 30/3/20 - 7 month old travelling with mother	
Ms K	Sierra Leone	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Husband contacted 2/4/20 - Sierra Leonean	

				national travelling with British daughter	
Miss L	Sierra Leone	03/04/2020	08/04/2020	Father contacted 2/4/20 - British girl travelling with Sierra Leonean mother	
Mr M	Sierra Leone	07/04/2020	09/04/2020	Contacted me 2/4/20 - Man travelling in Sierra Leone to attend funeral	Yes - arrived 23/04/2020
Ms N	India	07/04/2020	09/04/2020	Case referred 7/4/20 - Woman who was studying in India prior to lockdown	
Mr O	Nigeria	08/04/2020	No - Enq withdrawn	Contacted me 5/4/20 - Travelling in Nigeria to visit family with 19 month old daughter	Yes - arrived 18/04/2020
Ms P	Australia	08/04/2020	09/04/2020	Contacted me 6/4/20 - 25 y/o woman on working holiday in Australia	
Ms Q	New Zealand	16/04/2020	16/04/2020	Contacted me 8/4/20 - 37 y/o woman visiting family in NZ with husband and 3 year old son	Booked on flight 21/5/20
Mr R	New Zealand	16/04/2020	16/04/2020	Wife contacted me 8/4/20 - 46 y/o man visiting wife's family in NZ with wife and	Booked on flight 21/5/20

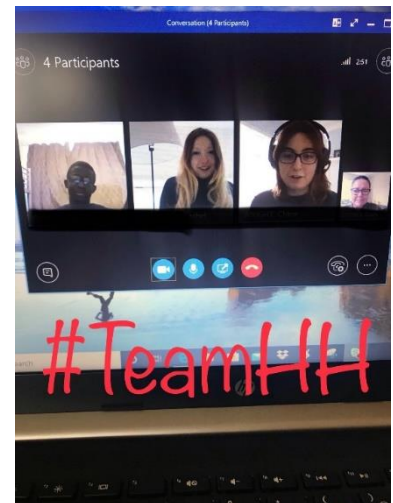
				3 year old son	
Mr S	New Zealand	16/04/2020	16/04/2020	Mother contacted me 8/4/20 - 3 year old boy visiting mother's family in NZ with mother and father	Booked on flight 21/5/20
Ms T	Thailand	16/04/2020	20/04/2020	Mother contacted me 15/4/20 - 22 year old woman travelling in Thailand - currently stranded on an Island	
Mr U	Ghana	21/04/2020	22/04/2020	Contacted me 19/4/20 - Man stranded alone whilst visiting Ghana	
Mr V	Bangladesh	21/04/2020	22/04/2020	Contacted me 18/4/20 - 41 y/o man stranded alone in Bangladesh	
Ms W	Nigeria	27/04/2020	28/04/2020	Contacted me 22/4/20 - 65 year old woman stranded in Nigeria	
Mr X	Bangladesh	28/04/2020	29/04/2020	Contacted me 24/4/20 - 24 year old man travelling with his mother	
Ms Y	Bangladesh	28/04/2020	29/04/2020	Son contacted me 24/4/20 - 50 year old woman	

				traveling with her son	
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I am continuing to contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in respect of each of my constituents. So far 20 constituents have been repatriated. I am pressing the FCO every day to get the remaining constituents home.

## Working differently!

I and my staff team are continuing to work remotely. I remain enormously grateful to Clare Gosbee, Rachel Smethers, Chloe Wright and Papa Okyere-Asiedu, who are diligently continuing to help my constituents, supporting my work as an MP and as chair of the Human Rights Committee. I am also grateful to Bea Forrester who has temporarily rejoined the team to work remotely as a caseworker. They have overcome any and all technology issues and made their homes into their offices to continue their work.



## Coronavirus Help and Support

### Southwark Council:

- [General information on Coronavirus](#)
- [Covid-19: What can you do to help](#)
- [Financial support for residents](#)
- [Food access](#)
- [Coronavirus housing advice](#)
- [Covid-19: Support and information for businesses and employers](#)
- [Southwark COVID-19 community grants](#)
- [Voluntary sector help and advice on Coronavirus](#)
- [Impact on council services](#)
- [Advice on potential coronavirus related scams](#)

### Bereavement support:

- The government has published a [bereavement support leaflet](#) to help those who have lost a loved one. The leaflet shares information to help bereaved families, friends, or next of kin make important decisions during this national

emergency, sets out what to expect next, and signposts the extra help and support that is available.

**Citizens Advice – Benefit advice:**

- <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/coronavirus-check-what-benefits-you-can-get/>

**Government business advice:**

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>
- Government's Business Support Helpline on 0300 456 3565, Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm.

**HMRC:**

- [helpline for businesses and self-employed people who are concerned about their tax](#) due to COVID-19.
- 08000 241222, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

**Domestic violence help and support:**

- Solace Advice Line - 0808 802 5565
- Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm. Additional 6pm - 8pm on Tuesdays.
- Email: [advice@solacewomensaid.org](mailto:advice@solacewomensaid.org)
- Website: <https://www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub/the-directory/9453/solace-advocacy-and-support-services-sass/>

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