Coronavirus Crisis Parliamentary Report 4

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COVID and the lockdown

Since my last report:

- We have yet to have a vaccine against COVID so while lockdown is being eased there remains a massive concern that it should not be done in such a way as to cause another upsurge in cases.

- King’s and our local health care system continue to strive to provide the best care to COVID patients and all needing their services. But the waiting lists for those with other conditions are growing and the NHS will need a continued major boost of funding.

- The scandalous failure of the government to protect residents in staff in care homes has been exposed and must mark the moment when the care sector can never again be allowed to be a Cinderella service.

- The economic damage of the lockdown and people’s money problems continues to worsen. The Government will need to set in place a major employment and business support programme. We cannot allow thousands of businesses to fail and millions of people to lose their jobs. It is especially important that the younger generation are guaranteed training and jobs.

- The Government’s handling of re-opening of schools has been a shambles. It has caused anxiety among children, parents and staff. They have acted without proper consultation, causing chaos. They need to implement, now, a major programme of support for children in low income homes and those who are getting left behind by being out of school. The already shameful educational divide cannot be allowed to widen.

BLACK LIVES MATTER:

The murder of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis caused a wave of anger and revulsion across the world and is strongly felt in Camberwell and Peckham.

This outrage here in Southwark about the murder of George Floyd marks an important moment. It is a moment for hearing the anger and determining to make change.

It is about solidarity with black people in the US who face oppression and police violence but it is also about the anger about the situation here in the UK too, of the everyday hostility and discrimination faced by black people and black men and boys in particular, of structural and systemic inequality and of the sense that being a black male makes you more likely to be picked on by the police.

It is hard to see how this can change until we have equal numbers of non-white officers at all levels of the Met including right at the top. And we are still a long way off that. We need positive action to embark on that change now and that is permitted in the Equality Act.

Justified anger needs recognition and demands change. I strongly back the move led by black Southwark councillors to establish a #BlackLivesMatter initiative. It’s important to chronicle the experience of what it means to be a young black man in
Southwark in 2020. Those everyday experiences of racism need to be recognised as fact not swept under the carpet. And there needs to be concrete change to stop it.

COVID has reminded us of the irreplaceable role that the BAME community plays in our health and caring services, in our retail and council services. #BlackLivesMatter reminds us that is the case despite inequality and discrimination. After the COVID crisis there must be no return to “normal”. We need to embark on systematic change. The only proof that has happened will be when we see the statistics change to show that you are no more likely to be low paid and in poor housing if you are black. And that black people are no more likely to be arrested or in prison. That is so far from the case now. As Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights I’m establishing a #BlackLivesMatter inquiry which will explore the extent to which the human rights of non-black people are better protected and make recommendations. Human rights are supposed to be universal, for every human being. And we will propose action to change that.

This is my fourth 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 issued by Public Health England.

Constituency problems – update

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to bring many new problems to people in Camberwell and Peckham and make many pre-existing problems worse. So there continues to be 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 1,603 constituents from 1st March – 31st May:

Case summaries:

- A care leaver contacted me because there are rats in the home she shares with her 2-year-old son and repairs are desperately needed. She has repeatedly contacted her housing association, Wandle, but they have so far not sorted things. I’ve written to Wandle to ask that the repairs be carried out as a matter of urgency and am awaiting a response.

- A married couple living on a traveller’s site in Southwark asked me to help with their housing. The woman is pregnant, the site has no water or electricity, and the couple share facilities with other residents. She is concerned that the lack of these facilities in the pandemic could harm the health of her unborn child. I’m working with the council to get facilities on the site.

- The owner of a clothing boutique in Peckham contacted me because they had applied for a grant to support them through the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they had not received a decision 3 weeks after applying. I wrote to Southwark Council and they got their £10,000 grant 3 days later.

- A Nigerian man living in Peckham wrote to me because he had applied to the Home Office for an extension of his Leave to Remain. He told me that he had recently been offered a new job but his new employer said that unless he was able to prove he was eligible to work in the UK, the offer would be withdrawn. I asked the Home Office to expedite the decision. His application was successful and he now has the paperwork he needs.

- I was contacted by a British woman originally from Camberwell and Peckham but currently living in Hong Kong. She had applied to renew her British Passport before it was due to expire, so she could update her Hong Kong work visa. She was about to adopt a child in Hong Kong and needed proof of residency in order to complete the adoption. However, due to the lockdown in the UK, there was a large delay in the renewal of her passport. I asked the Home Office to expedite her passport renewal and a couple of days later she got her passport.

- A married couple homeless in Peckham contacted me for help because their immigration status did not allow them recourse to public funds. They have health issues that mean they are at greater risk of COVID-19, are extremely vulnerable and were staying in a local Church. I asked Southwark Council to house the couple so they can safely self-isolate and 5 days later they had been housed.

2,843 constituents have emailed me on policy issues from 1st March to 31st May, the majority relating to COVID-19. Issues raised since my third COVID-19 report on 7th May:

- Call for Dominic Cummings to resign for breaking lockdown rules.
- Demands that Government should not reopen schools until it is safe to do so.
- Demands the government extend the Self-employment Income Support Scheme.
• Extend the period for negotiating Brexit transition so government can focus on tackling COVID-19 and saving lives.
• Concerns about privacy and data protection in government’s new COVID-19 contact tracing app.
• Oppose the migrant surcharge to access the NHS, which in October will rise to £624.
• End indefinite immigration detention in the Immigration Bill.

Constituents share their lockdown anguish in light of Cummings

• One woman told me she and her husband who work full-time both fell ill with COVID-19. They have 2 young children and she is pregnant with their third. Her sister’s house with a cabin in the garden is 100 miles away. She told me she felt the Government was criticizing their “parental instincts” because they didn’t go.

• A young woman living in Camberwell told me her grandma died in March. Most of the family were unable to attend her funeral and she felt she had not been able to support her grieving mother as they could not be together.

• One woman told me her father died aged 65 in a care home in May. He had Alzheimer’s Disease and was alone and confused for the last two months of his life. She and her family had stayed at their separate homes from March, even though they say it destroyed them not being able to visit him. She said “knowing he was less than 5 miles away and not being able to see him due to lockdown restrictions, will haunt us for the rest of our lives”.

These and so many other constituents were outraged that while they had suffered in order to do the right thing not to spread the virus, the Prime Minister’s most senior advisor had flouted the rules and risked lives.

Baroness Doreen Lawrence leading a Labour Party review into the impact of coronavirus on black, Asian and minority ethnic communities

This important review is examining why the virus disproportionately impacts people from ethnic minority backgrounds. It will look at structural inequalities as well as health issues, and will include poverty, overcrowded housing, insecure and low paid work, being disproportionately employed in certain sectors like care, multigenerational households and other factors that put BAME people at greater risk to COVID. Peckham has been particularly hard hit and King’s Hospital has had the 4th most COVID related deaths in the country. I will be working with local councillors and community groups to provide a detailed submission to this important inquiry. We cannot afford to treat this as an issue to investigate once the crisis is over. We must address it now.

You can email me your views on this at harriet.harman.mp@parliament.uk
The tragic death of Belly Mujinga

100s of consituents have contacted me about the tragic death of Belly Mujinga, a railway worker at Victoria Station, from COVID-19. There are important questions that remain to be answered. I understand that the Crown Prosecution Service is now reviewing the evidence in this case. And Ms Mujinga’s union, the TSSA, has reported her death to the HM Railway Inspectorate (the health and safety body of the Office for Road and Rail), and her family are now awaiting the findings of this health and safety investigation into her work environment. Hopefully that will answer questions like why Ms Mujinga was working on the concourse in this crisis when she had a respiratory health issue.

Black people are 2.5 times more likely to die from Covid-19 than white people, and are over-represented in high-risk occupations like transport. It is urgent that all transport workers on the frontline are given the PPE they need, including masks, hand sanitiser and other protective equipment. No one should go to work in fear for their own health. I believe Belly Mujinga’s death should come under the Government compensation scheme.

The Prime Minister hailed her bravery at the dispatch box. He now needs to act so that no other family suffers the loss of a transport worker and, if they do, there is parity with the NHS in the way society recognises their loss. I together with 40 London MPs have written to the Prime Minister to demand full PPE for all frontline transport workers and for an extension of the NHS compensation scheme to their families.

Government must urgently extend support for self-employed

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. They had been desperately worried about the cliff edge facing them as the Government’s Self-Employment Income Support Scheme came to an end at the end of April. The Chancellor has now extended the scheme on the same terms as employed people until the end of July 2020. It was heartless and manipulative of the Government to leave it till the last minute before they announced the continuation of the scheme. It’s bound to be the case that the Government had already decided many weeks earlier to extend the scheme but it appears they delayed the announcement till the last moment in order to create a dramatic news story and to increase the relief people felt. People’s worry about their financial future should never be exploited by government seeking headlines for a “good news” story.

My letter to the Chancellor
British Airways must support worried staff in pandemic, not take advantage of crisis

No one can be in any doubt about the catastrophic effect on the airline industry of this COVID-19 emergency. But I am very concerned that a number of people living in Camberwell and Peckham who are BA cabin crew have contacted me because they feel that far from being shielded by BA management, they are using the crisis to carry out, without consultation, a number of changes which if they had been brought in in normal circumstances, would never have been agreed. 12,000 jobs are at risk.

BA must do all it can to protect jobs. It would be invidious if they were to be using the COVID crisis as an opportunity to undermine the terms and conditions of longstanding staff. My letters to the CEO, Alex Cruz

Government must set up special Nurseries Fund

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. Nurseries in Camberwell and Peckham were already financially precarious before the Corona crisis. For years low income families have had to subsidise the Government’s lack of investment in childcare provision.

The COVID-19 lockdown has forced many nurseries to close. Of the 114 nurseries registered in Southwark, just 20 remain open. I am pressing the Chancellor to create a special Nurseries Fund to ensure nurseries can re-open safely once lockdown restrictions are lifted and to ensure our vital nursery provision and workforce can survive the crisis.
Urging Prime Minister Boris Johnson to issue clear guidance for pregnant women

On 16 March, at a televised Downing Street press conference, Boris Johnson and the Chief Medical Officer announced that pregnant women are classed as vulnerable and should effectively self-isolate for 12 weeks, starting that weekend. But this public advice was not followed up with any government guidance to employers on how to treat pregnant employees. Organisations such as Maternity Action tell me that, since 16 March, their advice lines have been swamped by calls from extremely distressed pregnant women, most of them working in the health and social care sector, whose employers are insisting that they continue to attend work in public-facing roles, especially if they are less than 28 weeks pregnant.

My letter to the PM urging the Government to issue clear guidance to employers on how to treat pregnant employees who have been told they should not be at work for health reasons.
I am working with MPs across Parliament to urge the government to end the unfair treatment of Maternity Allowance in Universal Credit. This leaves low income women on Maternity Allowance who claim Universal Credit up to £550 per month worse off - a difference of £5,000 over 39 weeks of maternity leave - compared to women in the same circumstances who qualify for Statutory Maternity Pay. I have co-signed Debbie Abrahams’ Early Day Motion demanding the Government fix this.

**Care sector must be properly funded and reprioritised**

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

**Listen to me on Any Questions on Radio 4**

**Supporting local mental health services**

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 services and guides to help people cope with bereavement and anxiety, and to ensure staff get the support they need coping with the unprecedented tragedy and stress.

The first of these guides is on the next page.
10 Tips to Support Your Wellbeing

1. **Stay Connected**
   - Stay in contact with your friends and family.
   - Consider setting up regular video or audio calls.
   - Try taking part in group calls.
   - Connect with others on social media.
   - Share positive news from your day and enjoy stories that others want to share.

2. **Look after your body**
   - Exercise regularly - our physical health can have a big impact on how we feel. Go for a walk or perhaps try an online exercise class.
   - Adopt a healthy diet - get into the routine of eating regular, balanced meals.
   - Drink enough water.
   - Avoid unhelpful coping mechanisms such as smoking or drinking alcohol.

3. **Do something you enjoy and acknowledge the positives**
   - Try to spend time focusing on things you enjoy. Find creative ways to relax and be distracted (e.g. drawing, painting, cooking, DIY, singing) and keep your mind stimulated (e.g. try puzzles, play games, listen to podcasts, read a book, learn something new).
   - Consider three things that went well in your day.
   - Share your positive news with others.
   - Take pictures of things that are meaningful and positive for you.

4. **Keep a daily routine and sleep well**
   - Try and get up and go to bed at the same time and have breaks for meals.
   - If you are working, have designated time for this and set yourself clear tasks for the day.
   - Sleep is important for physical and mental wellbeing, and for your immune system. Try and get into a good sleep routine: use your bed only for sleeping, do some exercise during the day, try to get natural daylight during the day, and have a relaxing bedtime routine.

5. **Talk to others and communicate effectively**
   - Connect with family, friends and colleagues. Share your concerns and encourage others to talk.
   - Be mindful of the language you are using when talking to others - avoid dramatic or overly negative conversations.
   - It is OK to ask questions and it is OK to need support.
6. Take time to rest and relax
- Regular relaxation is important for physical and mental health. If you are working, take a moment to disconnect from your work and focus on something not work related.
- Breathing exercises can be a great way to relax and can be used anytime and in any place.
- Try going for a walk and observing the nature.
- Listen to relaxing music or get lost in a good book.
- Consider downloading a relaxation or mindfulness app such as Headspace.

7. Limit media coverage and stick to the facts
- Take breaks from hearing about the pandemic on the news or social media.
- Stick to the facts and distance yourself from speculations and exaggerations.
- Find credible sources of information you can trust such as GOV.UK or NHS websites.

8. Focus on what you can control
- During this time, a sense of loss of control is frightening and understandable.
- Re-focusing on what you can control is a grounding experience.
- One thing you can control is how you look after your mind.

9. Maintain a sense of purpose
- Keep an eye on your vulnerable neighbours and others that you know. Meaningful input during the time of crisis can not only help others but also provide a sense of purpose and belonging.
- If you are working, write down your values and the experiences that make your job worthwhile.
- Consider little acts of kindness for people you can help. This could be helping an elderly relative with their food shop or being a good listener.

10. Focus on the present
- Take each day as it comes to minimise the risk of feeling overwhelmed. Focusing on the present moment, rather than worrying about what could happen in the future, can help with difficult emotions.
- Acknowledge your thoughts and feelings, and engage in what you are doing.
- Spend time relaxing and appreciating the small pleasures in life. Try mindfulness if you need help focussing on the present.

I took part in the Maudsley Hospital’s virtual ‘Urgent Mental Health Prevention Summit’ with Public Health England, Council Leader Peter John and local mental health service users on 2nd June to address how we can work together to protect our communities’ mental health as result of Covid-19. [Watch the summit here.](#)
Parliamentary scrutiny of the Government during pandemic

Parliamentary scrutiny of government action is particularly important during the Corona pandemic. Despite having effective remote and virtual arrangements in place for select committees, voting, MPs speaking in debates and representing constituents the Government has announced with no consultation it was discontinuing them and calling parliament to return on 2nd June. But they had made no contingency plans to ensure social distancing measures are in place and now Public Health England. The government have once again not understood their own regulations and undermined their own public health message which is to work from home where possible.

Fighting for better scrutiny of government

As set out in my last report the chair of the Liaison Committee is the chairs of all of the select committees, tasked with holding the Prime Minister to account. With the backing of other chairs I tabled an amendment to prevent the Government imposing their choice of chair of the Liaison Committee.

Better scrutiny means better decisions, but we have the government undermining liaison by imposing the chair - it should not be for government to decide the terms on which it is accountable. Although 16 Tory MPs voted for my amendment, along with Labour, the SNP, Lib Dems and the Green Party the Government voted it down.

The Committee held an evidence session with Prime Minister, Boris Johnson and questioned him on the Dominic Cummings scandal, the Government’s handling of the Coronavirus response and ending the No Recourse to Public Funds restriction on migrants. Watch the session here.

Read my article in The Independent

Ready my article in Politics Home

It’s time to end the injustice of indefinite immigration detention

The Immigration Bill has returned to the Commons and I am part of a cross-party effort with MPs from 7 other parties to get the Government to agree to a time limit in law to stop people being locked up indefinitely in immigration detention centres and to change the system so that detention can no longer be ordered from behind closed doors by Home Office officials, but would have to be an independent decision.

The Immigration Bill repeals the law relating to free movement and brings EEA nationals and their families under general UK immigration control. It is the opportunity for the Government to ensure they’ve learnt the lessons from the Windrush scandal and prevent anyone else suffering in the way they did. The BBC docudrama "Sitting in Limbo" highlighted the appalling ruin of the lives of innocent people caused by the
“hostile environment” immigration policy. The Joint Committee on Human Rights, which I chair, was featured in this docudrama as we heard evidence from Anthony Bryan and his partner Janet of how they had suffered in the wrongful attempt at deportation. He lost his house, his job and his sense of identity and belonging in his own country.

If you are suspected of a crime you can’t be detained by government - only by the police - who are independent of government. But for someone who the Home Office suspects of being in breach of our immigration laws, there is a complete absence of independence in the decision-making. A civil servant - nameless/faceless - behind closed doors can tick the box to detain you. The first you’ll know about it is that there’ll be a banging on your door in the early hours of the morning, you’ll be bundled into an immigration enforcement van and taken to a detention centre.

With no independence in the decision-making and with no scrutiny or accountability, mistakes are inevitable. And terrible mistakes are certainly what happened with the Windrush cases.

**Ending the rough sex defence**

73 MPs from 6 parties are now backing [mine and Mark Garnier MP’s amendments](#) to [end the rough sex defence](#) and create a new offence of non-fatal strangulation. Please to have such strong cross-party support building. The Government must take the opportunity to address this in the Domestic Abuse Bill.

**Protecting Human Rights in the COVID-19 Crisis**

As chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, I held an inquiry on the lack of protection for children with autism detained in residential institutions with their parents now not able to visit them and without inspections. Now that parental visits are cutback and the Care Quality Commission aren’t regularly inspecting, how can the Government be sure that the abuse we knew was happening in some services before the COVID19 lockdown isn’t even worse now? We heard heartbreaking accounts from the mothers separated from their children and pressed the Care Quality Commission and NHS England on what they were doing to protect young people.

[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. Secretary of State for Health Matt Hancock has given assurances about privacy protection for the data collected but assurances from Ministers are not enough. 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.

New legislation is a no brainer. I’m at a loss as to why the government having given these assurances, having seen the security concerns from the trial of the app in the Isle of Wight, wouldn’t actually bring this Bill forward so people can feel confident downloading the app. I have written to Jacob Rees-Mogg, the Leader of the House and Matt Hancock, the Health Secretary, to urge them to take the Bill forward.

**Read my Politics Home article.**

**Watch a video explainer of what the Bill will do here.**

**Read my Prospect Magazine article**

I hosted a JCHR press briefing call on the government’s tracing app and our Bill. All broadcasters were invited to attend and 38 outlets joined the call. Showing the significant concerns people hold about privacy.
Children of Mothers in Prison

Too many children are separated from their mother when their mother is sent to prison. It’s hard to visit when often the woman is imprisoned miles from home. And visits are no substitute for having your mother at home. When lockdown was implemented all prison visits were banned and so from the end of March children with a mother in prison have not seen her. 88% of women in prison are convicted on non-violent crimes. Most could be serving their sentence in the community. The Joint Committee on Human Rights held an inquiry into the loss of these children’s “Right to Family Life” which is a basic human right. This is a golden opportunity for the government to order the release of all non-violent women prisoners where they are the main carers for their young children.

Listen to me on BBC Radio 4 Woman’s Hour

Watch our Committee Hearing

Update on constituents stranded overseas

70 constituents have now contacted me stranded in 21 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.

So far 27 constituents have come home. I am continuing to press the Foreign and Commonwealth Office every day to get the remaining constituents home.

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**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:


Government business advice:


- 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

Let me know your views on Coronavirus issues:

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