

Queen's Speech

The Queen's Speech failed to deliver an employment bill that would repeal the current anti trade union legislation and make it illegal once and for all for employers to fire and rehire their workers on much worse pay, terms & conditions. You can see my speech on this [here](#).

I had a great opportunity to join Unite on the Thames on the day of the Queen's Speech to campaign for the end of Fire and Rehire. This government failed to include a ban on this practice in the legislation introduced in the Queen's Speech.

However, Barry Gardiner MP the Labour MP for Brent North was successful in the recent Private Members' bill allot and on Monday 14 June launched his campaign for his parliamentary bill against fire and rehire practices.

Early Day Motion: NHS Pay

This month I signed Jon Trickett MP's Early Day Motion calling for a 15% pay rise for NHS staff. You can read the full motion [here](#).

Early Day Motion: Fan-led Review

I tabled an EDM welcoming a fan-led review of football to rebalance the current ownership structure in the favour of match-going supporters. After the power-grab by the 'Big Six' it is vital we protect the sport for fans. You can read the motion in full [here](#).

People's Green New Deal Bill

I supported Zarah Sultana MP's amendment to the Queen's Speech demanding a People's Green New Deal Bill to prevent a climate catastrophe and tackle social injustice. You can read the amendment in full [here](#).

Child Poverty

In the last month shocking data revealed the extent of child poverty in the UK. I was very happy to support the #NoChildLeftBehind pledge from the National Education Union & Daily Mirror to hold this Government to account.

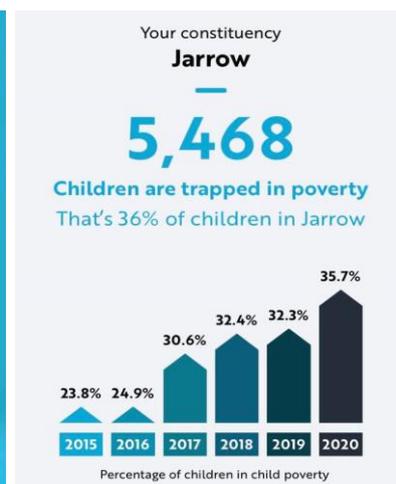
Your MP has taken the pledge!

SIGN THE PETITION



Kate Osborne

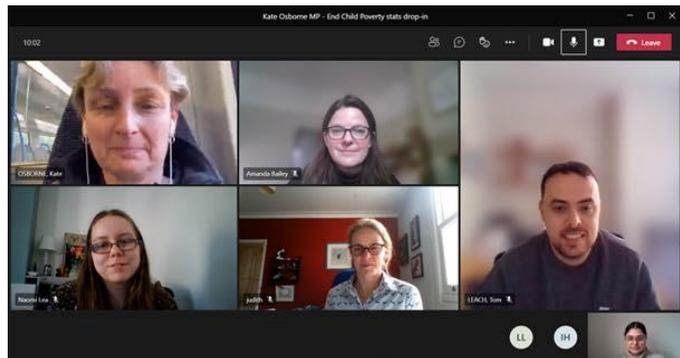
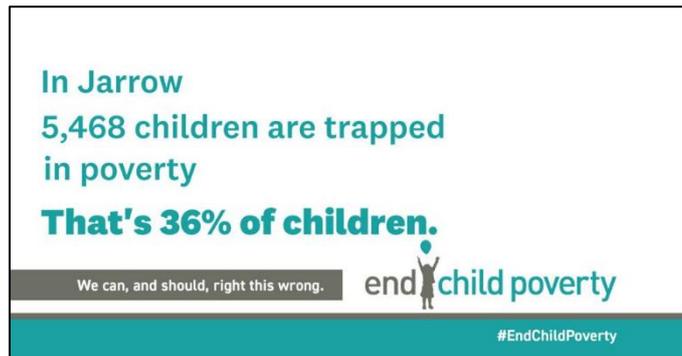
Good news. Your MP has already taken the pledge to do all they can to make sure no child is left behind. Can you take action too?



I had the opportunity to meet with the Child Action Poverty Group to discuss child poverty across the Jarrow Constituency. If the Government is to make its plans for 'levelling up' the country a reality, it needs to take urgent action and come up with a credible plan to end child poverty. If we are to live in a society where every child has the chance to succeed, we need to invest in this and future generations.

This plan to end child poverty should include a commitment to increase child benefits. Families in South Tyneside and Gateshead are already struggling. The planned £20 per week cut to Universal Credit this October should be revoked, or a bad situation will become even worse.

I will be taking this message to Parliament and calling on the Government to make sure that all children in my constituency are supported to be the best they can be.



Covid Vaccine

I was thrilled this month to receive my second dose of the Covid vaccine. I could not be any more grateful for all the NHS staff and volunteers who have continuously worked hard to keep us all safe! I encourage everyone to get vaccinated when you can, both doses are hugely important in building immunity and helping us get back to normality.



Armed Forces Debate

This month I asked in the House of Commons what the government is doing to ensure the talent and skills of ex service personnel are utilised in civilian life. You can see both my question and the response [here](#).

Finance Bill – Corporation Tax

I asked the Minister this month, why big businesses like Amazon should be given tax breaks while there are reports from all over the UK of shocking employment practices being used at their fulfilment centres. I join Unite in demanding that Amazon workers should have the right to join a union.

You can see my question [here](#).

Conversion Therapy

In the Queen’s Speech the Government pledged to bring forward legislation to ban conversion therapy, but only after further consultation stages. In Parliament, I had the opportunity to ask the Women and Equalities Minister if during these consultations the Government would listen to the voices of survivors of conversion therapy. You can find the clip [here](#).

I also wrote a column in the Shields Gazette this month about the Government’s plans to ban conversion therapy. I firmly believe that leaving any exemptions in the ban for religious practices will serve only to leave a loophole which would allow the harmful and abusive practice. You can read that in full [here](#).

Unite National LGBT+ Conference

I had the chance to speak at the Unite National LGBT+ Conference this month, I talked about my journey through the workplace and trade union movement leading me to become an MP. It was a pleasure to be able to speak at this conference with Unite.

Backbench Business Committee

I am delighted that this month I became a member of the Backbench Business Committee and I am looking forward to working with the committee in the future. You can read about how the committee works [here](#).

Backbench Business Committee



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School Visits

I am thrilled that as lockdown restrictions eased, I have been able to get out in the Constituency much more. This month I had the opportunity to visit St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. It was great to get a tour of the school as well as meeting the children. I met with the Year 5 class who asked some very tough questions! See my tweets [here](#).

I also had the chance to visit St Matthew's RC Primary School. It is great to be able to meet with the teachers and children after the past year. You can see my tweets about my visit to St Matthew's [here](#).

I will be visiting numerous schools over the coming weeks and I am really looking forward to being able to get out in the constituency after not being able to do so for so long.

Calorie Labelling

I have written a letter to Matt Hancock to share concerns raised by constituents about the introduction of mandatory calorie labelling on menus. This would be harmful to those struggling with eating disorders and likely do more harm than good. The letter is included below.



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Rt.Hon Matt Hancock MP
Secretary of State for Health
Department of Health and Social Care
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(Correspondence sent via email)

26th May 2021

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: the introduction of mandatory calorie labelling on menus

I am writing to you today to share the concerns of my constituents around the introduction of mandatory calorie labelling on menus. This change will have a huge impact on those suffering from, or vulnerable to developing, an eating disorder.

Research has found that when making food choices from a menu that includes a calorie count, individuals with anorexia and bulimia are more likely to order food with significantly fewer calories, whereas people with binge eating disorder are more likely to order food with significantly more calories, exacerbating eating disorder behaviours. In addition, there is very limited, low-quality evidence supporting the idea that calorie counts on menus will lead to a reduction in calories purchased by the general population.

The Women and Equalities Select Committee inquiry described the Government's obesity strategy as 'dangerous for those with negative body image, including those at risk of developing eating disorders' and recommended the immediate scrapping of plans for calorie labels on food in restaurants, cafes, and takeaways and that an independent review of the Obesity Strategy is urgently commissioned.

I am also concerned that the Government is moving forward with this legislation despite having pledged in the Mental Health and Wellbeing Recovery Action Plan to "place mental health at the centre of government policy". In this plan the Government recognised the importance of assessing the mental health impacts of all new policies.

I ask that you consider taking a more holistic approach to tackle the rising prevalence of obesity through restrictions on advertising, alongside the promotion of healthy food choices in shops and supermarkets. More widely, I ask that you reverse cuts to public health funding to ensure that community services can support people to live healthier lives.

While there are suggestions that mandatory calorie labelling can have a positive impact on reducing obesity rates, the evidence is mixed. To be confident that this is the right approach, I believe the Government must consult with people affected by eating disorders, charities, and wider stakeholders before taking forward its proposals.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Osborne MP
Member of Parliament for the Jarrow constituency



Tyne Tunnel Visit

It was great to get another chance to visit the Tyne Tunnel to see the progress they have made in the last year despite the pandemic. I had been contacted by multiple constituents regarding the pre-paid lanes at the tunnel, so it was a good opportunity to discuss that with the team there.

TT2 have created up to 70 new jobs in the area which is of course extremely welcome.

Carers Week:

The week beginning the 7th we celebrated Carers Week. It is important that we recognise the invaluable contributions that an estimated 13.6 million unpaid carers make to peoples lives. The government needs to recognise this and do more to support our unpaid carers.

Immigration Centre Question

I had the opportunity to ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department to review the plans to reopen the former Medomsley Detention Centre site. Many of the detainees are survivors of torture or trafficking. These immigration cases should be resolved humanely and at less cost in the community. Watch my question in full [here](#).

Advance Research and Invention Agency Bill

I spoke this month in the Commons about the governments plans to level up and unlock potential. If this government is serious about their plans, then it must start to get serious about its industrial strategy and use ARIA as an effective tool to deliver high-skilled unionised jobs to every region. You can see my question in full [here](#).

APPG for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma

I attended the APPG for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma this month to hear what the measures outlined in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill meant to them as individuals. I will be voting against this bill when it returns to Parliament.



Pride Month

June is Pride Month, an opportunity to uplift and celebrate our LGBTQ+ communities.

I hope that everyone has a happy pride. Pride is a protest - it started as a fight for equality, for safety, for dignity and the fight continues.

Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign

This month, myself and Emma Lewell-Buck welcomed the Save South Tyneside Hospital campaigners to Westminster. They travelled to parliament to present their 44k strong petition saying no downgrading of our hospital.

The campaign has been fighting tirelessly to save vital hospital services for many years, raising concerns about the detrimental changes to services in South Tyneside.

I strongly oppose any further moves to downgrade our vital health services and I am fully committed to ensuring that health services in South Tyneside are not cut further in the future. You can watch the full BBC Look North report [here](#).



Opposition Day Debate - Children's Recovery Plan

This month there was a vote in the commons to support a proper children's recovery plan which would have provided adequate funding and support for children who have missed out on vital education due to the pandemic. I voted for it. The Tories didn't even turn up. Watch my contribution [here](#).

Opposition Day Debate - Protecting the Public and Ensuring Justice for Victims

Violence against women and girls affects 1 in 3 women during our lifetimes. We need to be determined to do everything in our power to ensure we tackle underlying misogynistic attitudes that lead to violence. You can listen to my speech in full [here](#).

Westminster Hall Debate - Recommendations for the forthcoming Tobacco Control Plan

I spoke in a Westminster Hall debate this month, discussing the recommendations for the forthcoming tobacco control plan.

I agree with the APPG on smoking and health, that it is not the taxpayer who should foot the bill for important services in areas with high level of addiction, but rather it should be the highly profitable tobacco companies who pay. Funding is needed now, we cannot wait. See my full speech [here](#).

Boundary Commission Review

The Boundary Commission released their proposals this month for new boundaries. They are inviting the public to view their proposals and provide feedback as part of an eight-week consultation process. I strongly encourage you to visit www.bcereviews.org.uk to view the maps showing the proposed new boundaries and engage in the consultation before it closes on the 2nd august 2021.

You can also read my column on the boundary proposals in the Shields Gazette [here](#).

Advice Surgeries:

Kate Osborne MP
Advice surgery dates

Second & Last Friday of each month.

Appointments available from the 28th May via telephone, Zoom or face-to-face.

Booking is essential. For an appointment, please email kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk or call 0191 466 1509.

Appointments will last no longer than 20 mins, and are only open to residents of the Jarrow constituency.

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As always if you need any assistance from me or my team please contact me at kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk or call 0191 466 1509 and I will do everything I can to help.

Visit my website or social media to keep up to date with my work throughout the month.

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Warmest wishes,

Kate Osborne MP

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