



Kate Osborne MP

July 2022

Monthly Newsletter

Dear Constituent,

I am writing to you with an update of my work throughout July. This month we have seen Boris Johnson's Government collapse inwards on itself, and we are now into a summer with a dysfunctional government focusing on their Tory leadership campaign – whilst the cost-of-living crisis continues to have disastrous effects on communities like ours.

It's the duty of Government to ensure that no child goes hungry yet as recess begins, and we head into the summer holidays 38% of kids in the Jarrow constituency are trapped in poverty and facing holiday hunger.

With the cost-of-living crisis raging and inflation spiralling families are going to struggle. It is more important than ever that we support each other as a community and reach out if in need of help.

The Tories do not care if our towns in the North are struggling, their rhetoric on levelling up has proved to be false as this week's figures show. Since Johnson pledged to 'level-up' the country, regional inequality has worsened with the gap in spending between London and the North doubling

Whilst they focus on empty slogans myself and my office will continue to work hard to support Jarrow constituents across South Tyneside and Gateshead throughout the summer.

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### **Women and Equalities Select Committee**

I chaired an important session of the Women and Equalities Select Committee this month during which I questioned the now former Minister on the exclusion of trans people from the ban on conversion therapy. During the meeting, we also covered women's health strategy, fertility costs and much more. You can watch a clip of my questions to the former Minister [here](#).

### **Westminster Hall Debate - Waiting times for ambulances and emergency department care**

I raised the issue of long waiting times for ambulances and emergency department care in our region and in particular these being caused by this Government's failures. Instead of investing in our NHS and dealing with waiting times, this Government are attacking staff and privatising as much as they can get their grubby little hands on which will inevitably lead to both NHS staff and patients suffering. You can see a clip of my contribution [here](#) in which I put on record my thanks to the [Save South Tyneside Hospital Campaign](#) for the important work they do.

### **74 Years of the NHS**

This month we celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our National Health Service which has been central in improving the health and wellbeing of the UK. The NHS takes care of us, and we must take care of the NHS – we owe it to ourselves and to future

generations to protect it. Thank you to all of the fantastic staff and volunteers within the NHS for all you do for us!

Over the last few years, NHS staff right across the Jarrow constituency and beyond have done so much, and continue to do everything they can, to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. I thank them so much for that. The 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary gave the perfect opportunity to bring to light how this great institution has been mishandled and mistreated by consecutive Conservative governments.

Over the last decade we have seen:

- Creeping privatisation of services.
- A promise to build 40 new hospitals – which was a lie.
- Waiting times (A&E, cancer etc.) have soared
- Real terms pay cuts for staff
- Backlogs growing dramatically
- Cuts to local services
- People struggling to see their GP (49% of Jarrow constituents in a recent survey)
- Car parking charges for key workers

Conservatives have a long history of treating our NHS with contempt. We all deserve better than the Tories and we cannot trust them with our NHS. Read more in one of my columns for the Shields Gazette [here](#).



## Durham Miners Gala 2022

It was brilliant to attend the Gala this month for the first time since being elected as MP for the Jarrow constituency. Also known as the Big Meeting, it is the largest working class gathering in Europe and often a time where trade unionists and like-minded people come together to remember the struggles that built the trade unions and the Labour Party, and of the values that they were created to represent. The Gala is a brilliant opportunity to reaffirm our union and Labour values.

It is so important that we keep the history of our communities alive and recognise the lessons we have learned from it. It was lovely to meet up with Marras old and new at the Gala and to hear from key workers who spoke on the racecourse.



## Jarrow Cross Primary School

I had a brilliant visit to Jarrow Cross Primary School this month. I spoke with Mrs McBeth and her team who have been working extremely hard to support both pupils and their families throughout extremely challenging times when support from the Government has not gone far enough.

The school truly embodies its values of friendship, trust, honest, and forgiveness and is a real asset to our community.

Thank you so much to Mrs McBeth and her team for inviting me along and for everything you do for students and parents alike!



## Sir Keir Starmer's speech at Sage Gateshead:

I was pleased to chat with my constituents after Sir Keir Starmer's speech in Gateshead this month. The Tories are failing to deal with the cost-of-living crisis and refusing to help communities. It was good to hear Keir recommit to removing private schools' charitable status and reboot our economy. I chatted with students from St Joseph's School from the constituency and St Wilfrid's Roman Catholic College from South Tyneside too!

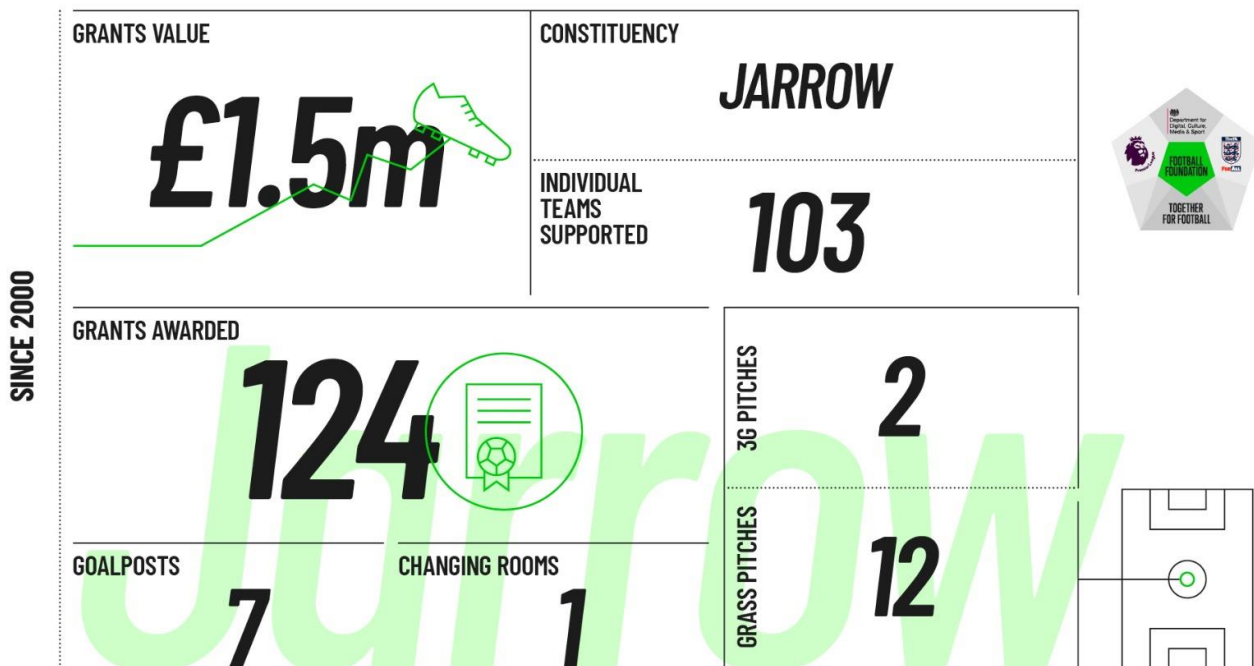


## Congratulations to South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust

Congratulations to South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust Alcohol Care Team (ACT) for winning the regional NHS Parliamentary Award in Excellence in Healthcare Award category and Highly Commended in their category at the national awards ceremony this month. It was a pleasure to nominate this brilliant team alongside Bridget Phillipson MP (Sunderland South) for this award. They do such amazing work in our area, not just in treating those who have a dependence on alcohol, but in trying to help with the things in people's lives that have led to harmful drinking habits. Well done to all of the ACT team!

### Football Foundation:

It is great to see the investment and impact that investment by the Premier League, the FA and Football Foundation has had on grassroots facilities across the Jarrow constituency. [Learn more here.](#)



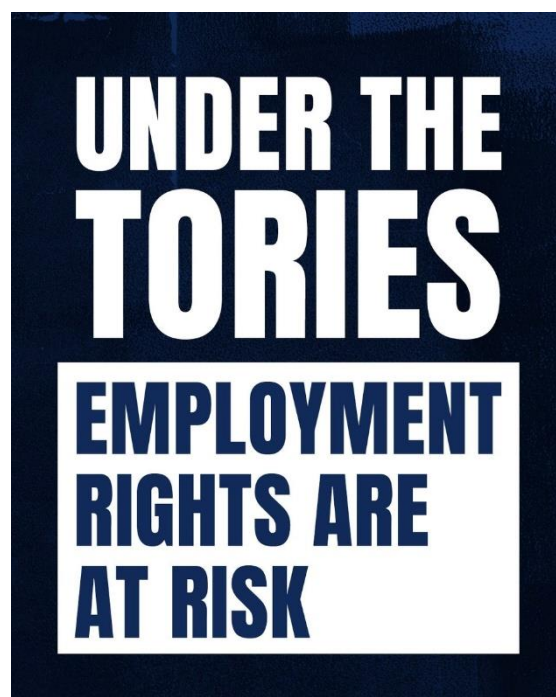
### Constituent concerns about mental health:

Several constituents have got in touch with me recently to express their concerns surrounding mental health services in the area. To raise the concerns of constituents, I've submitted the below questions to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Our services need urgent investment to reduce waiting lists and to help deliver services.

<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how much funding the Government has allocated to mental health services in the Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust compared to all other regions in each of the last 5 years.</p> <p>[31926] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:13</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>
<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made to the number of acute psychiatric beds in the Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust.</p> <p>[31927] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:13</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>
<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, how many inpatients for mental health services had to be moved outside of the Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust area in the last (a) 6 months, (b) 12 months and (c) 5 years.</p> <p>[31928] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:14</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>
<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to reduce the waiting list for an assessment for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder in the NHS Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust area.</p> <p>[31929] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:14</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>
<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of people waiting to be assessed for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder in the NHS Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust area.</p> <p>[31930] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:15</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>
<p>Question for the <b>Department of Health and Social Care</b></p> <p>To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what estimate he has made of the number of children and young people waiting to access children and mental health services in the Jarrow constituency.</p> <p>[31931] Submitted 06/07/2022 13:15</p> <p>Ordinary Published</p>

## Tories attacking workers

This month the Tories voted to change the law to enable companies to hire agency staff to break strikes. Whilst I was paired and unable to vote – I stand firmly with our trade unions and want to put it on record that I am, and always will be against any legislation that weakens workers' rights.





## Vote of No Confidence

The Government's refusal to table Labour's vote of no confidence earlier this month was the latest example of Boris Johnson thinking the rules don't apply to him. He has thrown the Government into disarray causing chaos for people across the UK when contacting the Passport Office, Home Office, the DVSA etc. Yet his MPs continued to keep him in post whilst they further their own political agendas instead of acting in the best interest of the country.

The Government then tabled their own confidence vote just days after doing everything they could do to force him out of office. The same Tory MPs who ousted him then brazenly voted to back his zombie Government. Read my column for the Shields Gazette that I wrote on Johnson's failures [here](#). I released a statement after the confidence vote that you can see [here](#).

## Pink News Westminster

It was brilliant to attend Pink News' APPG Global LGBTQ+ Rights reception. It was truly worrying to hear that so many Government Ministers and MPs are attacking our rights – despite the UK having the most LGBTQ+ Parliamentarians in the world.



## **Non-binary People's Day**

On Non-binary Peoples' Day this month, we celebrated and uplifted the non-binary community. Non-binary people should be able to express themselves freely whilst protected by the ban on conversion therapy. No one should be made to feel their gender or sexual identity/expression is wrong.



## **#LoveSouthTyneside**

Congratulations to all of those who were nominated and to those who received an award at the #LoveSouthTyneside ceremony in July in recognition of the brilliant contributions made to our community.

South Tyneside is filled with truly amazing people and these awards represent the strong sense of community spirit and values that define the borough. From individuals who volunteer in community groups to teams who run community associations and foodbanks, you all do amazing work that brings us all together.

I am so proud that our community is full of such amazing people!

## **Jarrow Relay for Life**

The Relay for Life allows our community the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivorship, to remember our loved ones lost, and bring people together.

I would like to again thank Ann Walsh and the team of volunteers who worked so hard to make this event happen, and I also wish to pay tribute to Ann's wonderful fundraising efforts spanning across many years. It brings me enormous pride when I see so many people from our community do so much to help others.

Well done to everyone who participated and joined together to raise money for an important cause!

## **Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival**

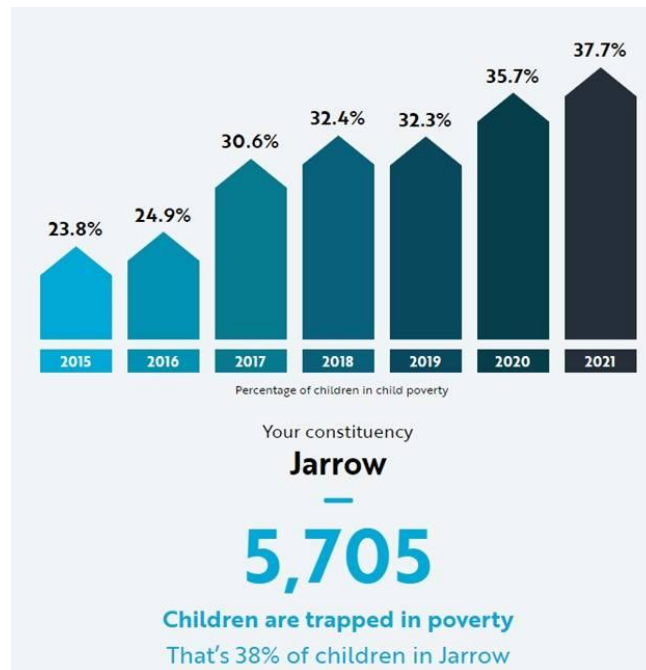
I enjoyed my first Tolpuddle festival this month. It was great to hear from Mick Lynch (RMT Secretary-General), Barry Gardiner MP (Brent North) and comrades from across the union and Labour movement. I joined the march and laid a wreath on the grave of James Hammett in solidarity with both the Seven Lads of Jarra and

the Tolpuddle Martyrs who were deported to Australia. Our Labour movement's history inspires us to fight for a better, fairer society. You can see a video of me laying the wreath [here](#).



## No Child Left Behind

I am proud to stand up for children in the Jarrow constituency. No child should ever go without food, warm clothes, and the tools they need to learn. That's why I've pledged with No Child Left Behind to lobby for a plan in Westminster to end child poverty once and for all.



## Hebburn Carr-Ellison Carnival

I had a brilliant evening at the Hebburn Carr-Ellison Carnival to kick off the summer holidays. I had the chance to catch up with James Trainer and Cllr Liz McHugh (Hebburn North Ward), who along with volunteers from Clegwell and Hartleyburn CIO put together the Carnival.



## Northern Pride

I marched alongside my union Unite at Northern Pride this month. Pride means so much to so many, enabling us to come together to celebrate our identity and come together. Pride owes its origins to a history of resistance, protest, and solidarity. As a proud Trade Unionist and member of the LGBTQ+ community let's ensure that we keep up the fight and demand that our trans siblings are protected from the abhorrent practice of conversion therapy. It was also brilliant to march alongside Ian Lavery MP (Wansbeck) and Chi Onwurah MP (Newcastle upon Tyne Central).



## Casework update

We are experiencing high levels of demand for casework and my team continue to work hard behind the scenes to support Jarrow constituents who get in touch. Some of the key issues the caseworkers have been helping with involve:

- Passport issues
- Housing
- Repairs
- Council issues
- Bus services
- Broadband issues
- Mental health services

Regarding passport applications specifically, my office is receiving consistently high numbers of enquires. Whilst my team are working hard to get a positive outcome for constituents, issues within the Home Office and HMPO means that we cannot guarantee success for every case. We will however continue to do all that we can to support constituents in getting passports in time.

Please do contact my office via [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) if you need support with any issues.

## Solidarity with workers:

This month we have seen an increase in industrial action being taken by workers. With the cost-of-living crisis spiralling, food and utility prices rocketing and record-breaking inflation – it is no surprise that workers are resorting to industrial action to demand better pay, terms, and conditions. Workers have been forced to take real terms pay cuts for more than a decade and it's time we said enough is enough. As a proud trade unionist, I will always support workers in their right to strike. Our rail workers, post office staff and barristers have already taken action to demand better – and it is clear more will follow. People are standing up and speaking out against years of pay freezes and real terms wage cuts and I will continue to stand proudly, shoulder to shoulder with workers as they demand better.

## Summer survey:

As Parliament is in recess, I am launching my summer survey to find out what your concerns are and to receive feedback on my work as MP. Please fill in my survey by following this link to let me know your priorities for the next year ahead!  
<https://forms.gle/JMb947uZr6vdFuVG8>

## Kate Osborne MP & Team Roadshow

Over the coming weeks, my office is planning to host a drop-in event in each ward within the constituency. Details of times and locations are below:

# KATE OSBORNE MP & TEAM ROADSHOW



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p><b><u>Tuesday 9th August</u></b> <b><i>Pelaw &amp; Heworth</i></b> - 12pm to 1.30pm - <b><i>Pride Media Centre, Unit T1, Stonehills, Bill Quay, Gateshead, NE10 0HW</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 11th August</u></b> <b><i>Bede</i></b> - 12pm to 1.30pm - <b><i>Perth Green CA, Jarrow, NE32 4AQ</i></b></p>
<p><b><i>Boldon</i></b> - 2.30pm to 4pm - <b><i>Boldon Village Hall, Asda Complex, North Rd, Boldon Colliery, NE35 9AR</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Friday 12th August</u></b> <b><i>Cleadon &amp; East Boldon</i></b> - 9.30am to 11am - <b><i>Cleadon Community Room, Front St, Cleadon</i></b></p>
<p><b><u>Thursday 11th August</u></b> <b><i>Wardley &amp; Leam Lane</i></b> - 10am to 11.30am - <b><i>Leam Lane Methodist Church, Meresyde, Gateshead, NE10 8UP</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Hebburn South</i></b> - 12pm to 1.30pm - <b><i>Lakeside Hall, Lilac Walk, Hebburn, NE31 2PW</i></b></p>

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HEBBURN SOUTH/ MONKTON/ PRIMROSE/ PELAW & HEWORTH/ WARDLEY & LEAM LANE

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### Tuesday 23rd August

**Fellgate & Hedworth** - 9.30am to 11am -  
Outside Fellgate Metro Station, Fellgate,  
Jarrow, NE32 4SR

**Primrose** - 12pm to 1.30pm - Jarrow  
Town Hall, Grange Road, Jarrow, NE32  
3LE

### Wednesday 24th August

**Hebburn North** - 9.30am to 11am -  
Hebburn Central, Glen St, Hebburn, NE31  
1AB

**Monkton** - 12pm to 1.30pm - Lukes Lane  
Community Association, Marine Drive,  
NE31 2BA



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These drop ins will give an opportunity for constituents to share what their priorities are both nationally and locally and to feed into my work in Parliament and the constituency.

Advice leaflets will also be available as well as an opportunity to raise any issues with my team! We hope to see you soon!

Read more via my website [here!](#)

### Advice Surgeries:

As always, I will advertise my upcoming advice surgeries across my social media platforms – so keep an eye out for details as they are released. Alternatively, you can contact my office via [kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk) or 0191 4661509 to request an appointment.

You can stay up to date with my work throughout the month via my social media channels:

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Yours sincerely,

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