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Welcome

It's one year until Brexit and things are as busy as ever in both Westminster and Fareham. I am now entering my third month as a Minister at DExEU and am working hard to support the Government in making the most of the golden opportunities that come with Brexit. I visited Southampton Port last week to see the preparations they are making to ensure it is ready from day one of Brexit. The March European Council was a big step forward as we reached agreement on the legalities of citizens' rights, the financial settlement and the Implementation Period and we are now able to move onto discussions about the UK and the EU's future economic relationship.



In Parliament

Fareham Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair



I held my third Apprenticeships & Jobs Fair earlier this month at Ferneham Hall and was joined by hundreds of young people looking for new career and training opportunities. I would like to thank Silver Lining for being this year's main sponsor and Fareham College for their support. Apprenticeships can provide a fantastic opportunity for young people to get on in life and can raise the productivity of the businesses they join. The Government has already overseen the biggest ever boost to apprenticeships with over 2 million apprenticeship starts since 2010. In 2009/10 the number of apprenticeships starts in Fareham was only 420, I am pleased to say that we have seen that figure more than double to 860 starts in 2016/17.

Extra funding for our hospitals

Last week the Government announced extra NHS funding for health services. £17.5m has been

allocated to QA and Southampton General, specifically for modern theatres and care for new mothers. Southern Health will also receive £3m to support vulnerable children and mental health services. This is part of a total of £760m going towards the NHS throughout the country, supporting our health professionals to deliver first class care for patients. I met with the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, in Parliament to discuss the new funding and local health care provision in Fareham.



Combatting rough sleeping

The Government has set out a bold plan to reduce the number of people sleeping rough. Based on proven methods that have substantially decreased the number of rough sleepers in the past, this further action represents major progress towards the Government's commitment to halve rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminate it altogether by 2027. It includes a new Rough Sleeping Team made up of rough sleeping and homelessness experts; a £30m fund for local authorities with high levels of rough sleepers; and £100,000 funding to support frontline Rough Sleeping workers across the country to make sure they have the right skills and knowledge to work with vulnerable rough sleepers.



EU Justice Committee

I gave evidence on behalf of the Government at the Lords EU Justice Committee where we discussed the options for law enforcement, dispute resolution, and individual rights after Brexit.

Free school meals

There have been a lot of misleading headlines around free school meals and Universal Credit. To set the record straight, by 2022, because of the new threshold, around 50,000 more children will benefit from free school meals compared to the previous benefits system. In addition, the Government is proposing transitional protections so that nobody currently receiving free school meals will lose their entitlement when moving onto Universal Credit. This has been confirmed by an independent fact checker ([visit:www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/factcheck-labour-arent-telling-the-full-story-about-free-school-meals](http://www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/factcheck-labour-arent-telling-the-full-story-about-free-school-meals)).



Surgery at Titchfield Community Centre

Titchfield Community Centre Surgery
Thank you to everyone who came along to my monthly surgery, held at Titchfield Community Centre. I had a good discussion with a number of constituents on a range of issues that are affecting them, including child mental health, international trade and the impact of Universal Credit.

Roxburgh House, Locks Heath

After being approached by many of the residents at Roxburgh House, I visited them and intervened on their behalf and was pleased to secure a nearly 50% reduction in the weekly service charge. I am grateful to Hyde Housing for their willingness to negotiate with the residents and myself as well as their commitment to carry out much needed works at Roxburgh house.



Meeting residents of Roxburgh House

Fareham Community Hospital (FCH) Taskforce

I met with FCH Taskforce to discuss services at the hospital and to get an update on the new Same-Day-Access-Service (SDAS). The SDAS, which was launched in September, and is now available to around 39,000 patients from 3 surgeries has been welcomed by doctors and patients. A patient questionnaire revealed that around 70% of people rated the service a '9' where the scoring was 0-9. I am pleased to say that new services are also being considered for FCH and a recruitment drive for new staff is currently underway as the hospital is set to see increased utilisation.

Low Carbon Construction

I visited Low Carbon Construction, based in Cams Hill, to discuss the innovative research and development they are doing to find a solution for affordable housing. The company's affordable housing strategy aims to deliver 10,000 affordable homes a year between 2019 and 2021. I have written to the Minister for Housing to recommend that he visits their office in Fareham.



FCH Taskforce meeting

Bus Service to Fareham Community Hospital

I am running a campaign to change the X4 bus route to go to Fareham Community Hospital. Accessibility to FCH has been an issue since my election in 2015 but now that usage of the Hospital has increased, it's even more vital that bus routes are improved so that more people can get there easily. If you support the campaign, please email me at, suella@suellafernandes.co.uk. You can also complete my survey by clicking on the link below;

<https://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/form/help-me-get-a-bus-stop-at-fareha>

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Fareham Apprenticeships Fair 2018



Fareham Community Hospital bus stop

What People Say

A Fareham resident who visited Parliament said:

I wish to say a huge thank you for looking after us and ensuring we were where we should be and at the right time. We had a truly memorable visit to the Palace of Westminster.

Surgeries / Events

My next surgery

Friday 20th April

Meet Your MP

Friday 18th May

Please email me for more information

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