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The passing of Her Majesty

Like for all you I am sure, the passing of Her Majesty had a profound impact on me. It was an honour and the privilege of a lifetime to have taken part in the collective mourning in the House of Commons, paying tribute to 70 years of service to the people of this great country. I was deeply moved laying flowers on behalf of our Swansea East community at the Guildhall for Swansea Council's proclamation service and to see just how much Her Majesty meant to people here. Throughout this month my prayers have been with Her Majesty, the Royal Family and wishes of God's blessings for His Majesty King Charles III, the Queen Consort and the new Prince and Princess of Wales.



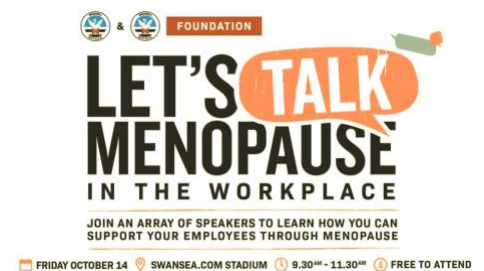
Meeting with DHSC officials about HRT shortages

Earlier this month, I was hearing from women across the country telling me that HRT shortages were ongoing. I asked women across my social media accounts to give me their stories so that I could relay that information to the Department of Health and Social Care. Over 48 hours we heard from well over 300 women tell us that the shortages were ongoing, and for some vital treatments, getting worse. Women were now struggling to access Estradiol for the first time and the Serious Shortage Protocol's were making it harder for women with POI, who need higher dosages of hormones, to access their HRT. I shared these accounts with officials who assured me they would take my suggestions into consideration.



Announcement of our 'Let's Talk Menopause' event

I was absolutely thrilled to announce that our 'Let's Talk Menopause' event will be taking place at Swansea.Com stadium, 9:30-11:30 on October 14th. With the support of Swansea City AFC and the Swansea City AFC Foundation, over 50 employers in Swansea and South Wales are coming together to hear from leading speakers about how to support employees through menopause and to create a supportive culture. I am determined to make Swansea the most menopause friendly city in Britain, so this opportunity for local businesses to network and spread learnings of how best to support employees brings me so much joy!





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Labour Party Conference

It was a joy to catch up with friends old and new and to celebrate the successes of our Welsh Labour Government with the Welsh Labour family at Labour Party Conference Welsh night. There was a real buzz and atmosphere about the place as ideas were hashed out and the Labour movement got behind the vision of what Britain could look like under the leadership of Keir Starmer. Conference is always a fantastic opportunity to engage with a wide variety of campaigns and to learn about the issues facing working families, and this one was no exception. I had a blast.



Discussing how soaring energy prices affect those reliant on home dialysis in the Commons

Fantastic charities in my constituency, Kidney Care UK and Popham Kidney Support recently told me their patients aren't getting sufficient support from energy providers. So, in an urgent debate about energy costs, I brought colleagues attention to the fact that 60,000 people in the UK are in need of Renal Replacement Therapy. For those who rely on home dialysis, it is estimated that it will cost £2000 a year for the electricity needed for treatment in the future. In Wales, patients are reimbursed by the Welsh Renal Clinic Network but in the rest of the UK reimbursement varies considerably geographically. No one should stop lifesaving treatment because of this cost-of-living crisis and the Government must support patients.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

I was so pleased to see the team carrying on the great work of the summer by helping the fabulous ladies at Cwmbwrla Mecca Bingo raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The work Macmillan do is vital in supporting those going through cancer, and their families, process what is happening in their lives. With the irrepressible work of the team at Mecca, £181 was raised. We are so fortunate to have such a vibrant and compassionate community in Swansea East and the ladies at Mecca are a big part of that. Thank you to my team and theirs for helping to support such a good cause!

