

British public want more foreign students

The Liberal Democrats have seized on fresh research showing that three quarters of the British public say they welcome foreign students after learning how much they contribute to the UK economy. Theresa May has sought to clamp down on foreign students, counting them as immigrants at a time when it is seeking to reduce the headline migration figures.

News story: Headley Court team leading ground breaking hip pain research

The Military Hip Rehabilitation Outcome (MILO) study is funded with a grant from Arthritis Research UK and brings together university academics, industry partners and MOD collaborators to investigate issues surrounding the risk factors and treatment of hip pain in the armed forces.

Little is currently known about the causes of hip pain in military personnel and the evidence supporting popular treatment options is inconclusive. The MILO research programme consists of 2 separate studies.

Study 1 will compare the effects of a residential rehabilitation programme with conventional out patient care and

Study 2 will examine the occupational risk-factors for hip pain in UK military personnel.

Commenting on the importance of this programme the Director of Defence Rehabilitation, Col John Etherington said:

Musculoskeletal injuries (MSKI) are a major problem affecting the health and operational readiness of our personnel. We know that approximately 19% of the trained UK armed forces on strength currently have a diagnosed MSKI with army personnel the most likely to be medically downgraded.

Along with several other programmes, this research is essential to ensure our people receive the right treatment for their hip pain at the right time. Crucially, the results will also allow us to exploit initiatives that could prevent the development of the condition in currently serving and future generations of military personnel.

Gp Capt Alex Bennett the Head of Research at Headley Court who leads the study group explained how determining the causes and optimal treatment for hip pain has important implications for young physically active military personnel:

The first step to delaying or preventing the development of hip pain is to determine the causes. The MILO study will look at the role of occupational physical activity as a potential cause of hip pain and may open the door to preventing hip damage.

We are also conducting the first study evaluating in-patient versus out-patient treatment options in young active adults with hip pain. The results will provide evidence to inform clinical practice and ensure military personnel receive the most effective available treatment. This vital research will greatly improve our understanding of hip pain in the UK military context

A dedicated MILO study clinic has been established at Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) Headley Court. Anyone with questions about the research programme should email Mr Russ Coppack at dmrc-clinicalresearchmanager@mod.uk or phone 01372 947 103.

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Rayner MP, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, commenting on Justine Greening's plan for a 'new generation' of grammar schools, said:

"The facts are clear, grammar schools will do nothing to help the overwhelming majority of working families across the country.

"The Government's attempt to fiddle the figures to support their discredited and divisive policy does not change the basic reality that for the overwhelming majority, academic selection is a barrier to social mobility, and the Government's plans to return to the days of secondary moderns will only make this worse.

"While the Government only look to improve the educations of a privileged few, Labour will improve outcomes for all by delivering free school meals to every primary school pupil in England."

[SNP response to EU 50 letter](#)

Below is the letter sent on behalf of the SNP Group in the Scottish Parliament in response to 50 European politicians who expressed support for Scotland's place in Europe. [You can read the original letter here.](#)

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A BBC investigation that has found that at least 71 schools in Scotland were found to have defects similar to those found in Edinburgh has been described as 'deeply worrying' by the Scottish Conservatives.

17 schools in Edinburgh were shut after a wall collapsed at Oxbgangs Primary School last year, and since then 15 local authorities have carried out work to deal with similar defects.

However, eleven local authority areas admitted that they had not done intrusive surveys that the report into the Edinburgh schools said was necessary to uncover problems. Shadow education secretary Liz Smith described this as 'totally unacceptable' and called on the Scottish Government to do more to ensure that councils carry out their statutory obligations to check school buildings.

Scottish Conservative shadow education secretary Liz Smith MSP said:

“These revelations are deeply worrying for all parents who are about to send their children back to school after the Easter break and for all pupils and staff who work in our schools.

“The fact that 11 local authorities have not undertaken the detailed building surveys which were recommended in the Edinburgh schools report is totally unacceptable.

“It lays bare the fact that the Scottish Government has not done nearly enough to check that all local authorities are carrying out their statutory obligations to check school buildings.

“Nothing is more important than public safety so it is now imperative that all local authorities carry out these checks immediately.

“The Scottish Conservatives have long argued that there should be no scope to make short cuts on these statutory checks undertaken by local authorities and contractors, and that confirmation of the checks should be made available at the same time as a school is inspected by HMIe so that parents, staff and pupils can be confident that their school is wholly fit for purpose.”

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