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## Jeremy Corbyn makes frontbench appointments

**Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party**, has made the following appointments to Labour's frontbench team:

Shadow Minister for Pensions – Jack Dromey MP

Shadow Minister for Labour – Laura Pidcock MP

Shadow Minister for Planning – Roberta Blackman-Woods MP

Shadow Minister for Social Care and Mental Health – Paula Sherriff MP

Shadow Minister for Buses – Matt Rodda MP

Shadow Minister for the Treasury – Clive Lewis MP

Shadow Minister for the Treasury – Lyn Brown MP

Shadow Minister for Fire – Karen Lee MP

Shadow Minister for International Trade – Judith Cummins MP

Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office – Chris Matheson MP

Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office – Laura Smith MP

Shadow Minister for International Development – Dan Carden MP

Shadow Minister for International Development – Preet Gill MP

**On making the appointments, Jeremy Corbyn MP, Leader of the Labour Party, said:**

“I am pleased to make these appointments to strengthen Labour's frontbench

team, which is now a Government in waiting.

“I look forward to working with them in their new roles holding the Government to account, developing policy to transform our country and, with their Shadow Secretary of States, preparing to form a Government that will deliver for the many not the few.”

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## Jonathan Ashworth responds to the news that Calais Hospital is advertising for NHS patients

**Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary**, responding to the news that Calais Hospital is advertising for NHS patients, said:

“This is very worrying and shows that the NHS clearly isn’t ‘better prepared’ for winter than ever before and that Theresa May really has lost control.

“Under the Tories, 14,000 hospital beds have been cut and we have 100,000

vacancies, which has left services facing unprecedented strains despite the heroic efforts of our brilliant staff.

"Patients deserve more than being forced to cross the Channel for their care."

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## [Press release: Communities urged to log on for new flood films](#)

From February, the 'Flood Friday' films will be released on the first Friday of every month throughout the year and will focus on what residents and businesses can do to 'Prepare, Act, Survive' in the event of flooding.

Created by the Environment Agency's Flood Resilience Team community engagement officers, the campaign is aimed at helping those who live, work and study in the region be more flood resilient.

The short films will focus on different aspects of flooding including:

- how to stay safe in a flood
- how to check if you are at risk of flooding
- what is surface water flooding?
- who to report flooding issues to

The first film focuses on how to check your flood risk and is already available on the Environment Agency's Youtube channel and will be shared through social media.

Community engagement officers Taryn Al-Mashgari (Tyne and Wear), Sarah Pearce (Cleveland) and Anna Caygill (Durham and Darlington) worked together on the project. Taryn said:

These videos will be short and informative and include links to websites and organisations we work closely with to ensure communities have reliable information to help them understand, prepare for and recover from flooding.

From our work with communities, we know how devastating it is to be flooded and the impact it has on lives and livelihoods, so we're working hard to raise awareness of how to plan for such events.

As well as being shared on the Environment Agency's Twitter and Youtube channels, they will be available on local authority websites and social media and shared with other partners including the social housing, community and voluntary sector.

To see the video visit [Youtube](#)

Communities can take three simple steps to help protect them, their homes and property from the devastating effects of flooding. [Visit the gov.uk web pages](#) to:

- check your postcode and find out if you are at risk of flooding
- sign-up for free flood warnings
- view and save the three point flood plan so you know how to Prepare. Act. Survive in a flood