

Public want paedophiles dealt with properly – Diane Abbott

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Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary, speaking in response to remarks from Chief Constable Bailey, said:

“These comments are deeply troubling. The public are right to demand that this crime is treated with the utmost seriousness.

“Talk of police forces who ‘cannot cope’ will fuel concerns that this is motivated by lack of resources.

“Labour has repeatedly warned about the consequences of Tory cuts to the police budget and to overall police numbers.

“It’s not good enough for ministers to say that they expect these crimes to be investigated properly, when their cuts are placing the police in an impossible position.”

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Notes to editors

– Reports of Chief Constable Stephen Bailey’s remarks are here
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39112911>

– Since 2009 total police officer numbers have fallen by 20,000

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36857326>