

Sharon Hodgson responds to proposed sugar limits published by Public Health England

Sharon Hodgson MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister, responding

to proposed sugar limits published by Public Health England, said:

"Labour supports action to tackle sugar consumption and with the refresh of the Five Year Forward View published this week there is a chance to set a really radical approach to obesity and children's health. It should be a matter of shame that obesity affects so many children in the UK and that the circumstances of where you grow up can have such a long term effect on your health outcomes.

"There is clear clinical and public support for measures like sugar taxes which promote healthier living and can keep people fit and well for the years to come.

"Theresa May watered down the Government's childhood obesity strategy but should be much bolder in supporting radical public health measures. Too often the Prime Minister seems happy to settle for second best for the nation's wellbeing when she ought to position Britain at the front of the global drive for better public health."