

Support for survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire is still not good enough- Healey

John Healey MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, commenting on the expiry of the Prime Minister's pledge to rehouse those who lost their homes as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire, said:

"Theresa May promised those who lost their homes as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire that they would be rehoused within three weeks, but today it's clear that this promise has not been met.

"Support for survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire is still not good enough. At every stage Ministers have been off the pace – too slow to grasp the scale of the problems people are facing and too slow to act.

"For the Grenfell Tower survivors and for the local community in North Kensington, underlying everything is the question of trust. Ministers must now show that they mean what they say, do what they promise and act urgently to give those affected by this tragic fire the support they need."

Ends

Notes

Three days after the devastating fire at Grenfell Tower, on 17 June, the Prime Minister said: "I have fixed a deadline of three weeks for everybody affected to be found a home nearby."

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/grenfell-tower-statement-from-the-prime-minister-17-june-2017>.

However, figures from the Grenfell Fire Response Team, confirmed by Labour this morning are that of 158 households potentially eligible for rehousing, only 139 offers of temporary accommodation have been made, and of these only 14 have been accepted.