

## [Tom Watson response to the House of Lords backing Leveson 2](#)

**Tom Watson MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**, responding to the House of Lords backing Leveson 2, said:

"In 2012, all parties made a promise to the victims of phone hacking. At many times since then the Tories have tried to renege on that promise.

"Tonight's votes are an important step towards justice.

"Unlike the Tories, Labour has always stood by the victims of hacking and press intrusion with promises in each of our past manifestos to enact all the recommendations of Leveson.

"These votes send a signal to the Tories: that they must keep their promises."

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## [Justin Madders responds to Care Quality Commission's decision to suspend routine inspections](#)

**Justin Madders MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister**, responding to the Care Quality Commission's decision to suspend routine inspections because of winter pressures, said:

"Another day, another example of Tory failure to suitably prepare our NHS for the predictable winter spike in demand. This incredibly serious decision must act as a wakeup call to a Government which remains in denial over the worst winter crisis on record.

"Gaining a full picture of winter pressures is critically important and the CQC's decision leaves a serious deficit of quality regulation.

"Coming off the back of the cancellation of 55,000 elective operations, Ministers must now back Labour's call for immediate additional funding to stabilise this appalling winter crisis."

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## [Keir Starmer responds to Government's amendments to the EU withdrawal bill](#)

**Keir Starmer MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union**, responding to the Government's recent amendments to the EU withdrawal bill, said:

"This is a deeply flawed and damaging piece of legislation. The Government's piecemeal changes are woefully inadequate meaning once again nothing has changed.

"There is nothing to address the fundamental concerns that MPs across Parliament have about watering down workers' and environmental rights, the extreme scope of Henry VIII powers and the disregard of the devolution settlement.

"The bill in its current form would also block any sensible transitional deal with the European Union, and it contradicts the policy laid out in the Prime Minister's Florence Speech.

"Theresa May must rethink her approach or face legitimate opposition from Labour and some of her own MPs."

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## [Dawn Butler response to Toby Young resignation](#)

**Dawn Butler MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for Women and Equalities**, responding to Toby Young's resignation, said:

"The Toby Young saga has further exposed Theresa May's total lack of judgement in appointing him and her weakness in refusing to sack him. She should have removed him from his post, not personally backed him at the weekend and sent a minister out to defend him in Parliament yesterday."

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# It takes more than re-naming departments to erase seven years of failure – Trickett

**Jon Trickett MP, Labour's Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office**, responding to Theresa May's reshuffle today, said:

"With the NHS in crisis, working people worse off and Brexit preparations in turmoil, Theresa May is leading a failing Government.

"By simply rearranging the deckchairs in her reshuffle, Theresa May has shown that her floundering Government is out of fresh ideas. It takes more than re-naming departments to erase seven years of failure.

"What the country desperately needs is a new approach. With Jeremy Corbyn, that's what Labour offers: a new Britain, run in the interests of the many, not the few."