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**Abbott MP, Shadow Home Secretary**, in response to figures that show just five per cent of refugees resettled under the Governments refugee scheme have disabilities, despite estimates that more than 1 in 5 escaping Syria is disabled, said:

“This is truly appalling and an all new low in this government's treatment of refugees.

“Just over a year ago when Theresa May made her first speech as Prime Minister she said “ *a disability or a health condition should never dictate the path a person is able to take*”, but this has clearly been a factor blocking the legitimate right of vulnerable refugees to seek asylum in this country.

“We know that offers from councils to host refugees have not been taken up in full, the Dubs scheme has been halted and now this. This Tory government's treatment of refugees is simply not in line with British values.”