



Telford & Wrekin Council agree to hold an independent inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in Telford



As many of you will have seen, the Sunday Mirror newspaper recently published its findings from an undercover investigation into child sexual exploitation (CSE) in Telford - findings which revealed over 1,000 instances of children, some as young as 11, being drugged, beaten and raped across a 40-year period.

We need to push for answers and for justice, and I am pleased that finally Telford and Wrekin Council, after being slow off the mark, have finally agreed to commission an Independent Inquiry to find answers to questions and to find out why this was allowed to happen for so long. It is imperative that the Council appoint an independent chair to the inquiry without delay, so that victims can get the justice they deserve.

It is also important to remember that many victims of such abuse will not yet have spoken out. So, we cannot bury our heads in the sand over this. It is not simply historic; it is still happening today, on our

streets and in our communities.

We cannot let these horrific crimes manifest in our town; we need to tackle this issue now, bring perpetrators to account, and provide answers for victims, their families, and our community.

I will be watching closely to make sure that the inquiry leaves no stone unturned so that the victims and our community can begin to heal and move forward.



[Supporting business, jobs and growth in Telford](#)

I recently visited BAE Systems Land UK in Telford to learn about huge growth opportunities at the site.

The visit came off the back of news that the Ministry of Defence is planning to re-join the Boxer programme, which could see hundreds of new Mechanised Infantry Vehicles developed at Telford. Success with these bids could see many new jobs created at the site, as well as in the local area through huge supply chain growth.

After a fantastic ride in a Warrior tracked vehicle, which is used by both the British and Kuwaiti armies, I was delighted to meet Land UK apprentices and trade union representatives to discuss the manufacturing and design opportunities BAE provides, as well as hearing about how the site is preparing for the potential increase in employee numbers.

The site already generates huge sums of money for the wider local economy, as well as creating hundreds of jobs for the Telford area. It is clear that BAE is so important for Telford's future and I will be supporting the business in anyway I can.

Telford MP Lucy Allan welcomes £312 million Government investment in Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust (SaTH)



The announcement came last month that the Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt MP has allocated capital investment of £312m to fund hospital care services at the Princess Royal Hospital Telford and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

The local hospital trust, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (SaTH) will begin a twelve week public consultation **(beginning on 30th May 2018 and last for 14 weeks)** on how they propose to spend this funding. SaTH's proposals would provide a purpose built Emergency Centre, New Accident and Urgent Care Centres and a purpose built Critical Care Unit together with new wards and a new Ambulatory Care Facility.

Under the proposals, Telford's Princess Royal Hospital would become the county's primary site for Planned Care Services, including a Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, as well as a new 24/7 Accident and Urgent Care Centre.

It is now up to local health clinicians to decide how best this money should be spent and to ensure our health needs are met. As residents, we will be asked our views on their proposals. It is vital that Telford residents get involved and tell local health bosses our views on their plans. I urge everyone in Telford to make sure that they respond to the public consultation and have their say.

It is fantastic that the Government has pledged to support the future of both our hospitals, with funding of £312m. However, as Telford's MP, I will be making sure that any scheme the clinicians decide upon, properly meets the needs of Telford residents.

To take part in the consultation go to www.nhsfuturefit.org



Lucy Allan welcoming Government investment of £312 million for local hospital services at the Princess Royal and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

Recent I...

- Questioned the Secretary of State on the rights of new new-build homeowners - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-calls-government-strengthen-rights-new-build-homeowners>
- Made a statement at a Westminster debate, speaking out about the horrors of child exploitation in Telford and other constituencies and calls for an independent investigation – <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucys-westminster-hall-speech-child-sexual-exploitation-cse>
- Chaired the first discussion of the New Towns all Parliamentary Group, the focus being providing high quality homes to new towns - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/new-towns-appg-hosts-roundtable-providing-high-quality-homes-now-and-future>
- Engaged with the Prime Minister in a House of Commons debate and calls Theresa May for support in bringing an investigation to Telford - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-urges-prime-minister-leave-no-stone-unturned-telford-child-abuse-inquiry>
- Questioned the Children's Minister on CSE prevention and safeguarding young people - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-questions-childrens-minister-cse-prevention-and-safeguarding>
- Repeated calls for a fundamental review of the UK Care System during a select committee session - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-repeats-call-fundamental-review-care-system>
- Called on the Education to Secretary, to confirm the existence of an enquiry that will focus specifically on the child exploitation in Telford -

<https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-asks-education-secretary-about-inquiry-telford-cse>

- Questioned the Education Secretary on CSE and funding for victims- <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-questions-education-secretary-cse-and-funding-looked-after-children>
- Raised concerns with Business Secretary, Greg Clark about the GKN takeover and the security of GKN employees' pension fund.
- Praised the announcement by the government to invest £312 million into the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford. Prime Minister also welcomed the investment. <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/prime-minister-joins-telfords-mp-welcoming-ps312m-government-investment-new-hospital-services>

In Telford

- Visited Lawley Village Primary Academy and met with the Headteacher Laura Hopley.
- Held regular surgeries.
- Visited the Easter Fair and Telford Priory School.
- Called on the Telford and Wrekin Council to support a local independent inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation- <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-allan-writes-open-letter-all-telford-wrekin-councillors-urging-them-support-local>
- Made a speech at the extraordinary public meeting regarding Child Sexual Exploitation - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucys-speech-extraordinary-public-meeting-cse-telford>
- Visited BAE systems in Telford and pledged support for the awarding of new contracts - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/telfords-mp-lucy-allan-visits-bae-systems-telford>
- Welcomed the support from the Shropshire Council and Mercia Police Force to cooperate and assist in the CSE enquiry - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-welcomes-shropshire-council-and-west-mercia-polices-commitment-co-operate-and-assist-cse>

Media

- Published columns in the Telford Journal focusing on CSE.
 - Published numerous updates on my website and in concert with the Shropshire Star covering issues including: Child Sexual Exploitation, GKN Takeover, New Build Homes and the Child Care System.
 - Appeared on BBC Sunday Politics to discuss CSE in Telford - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy-appears-bbcs-sunday-politics-west-midlands>
 - Had a detailed interview with the Telegraph regarding CSE in Telford.
 - Discussed the issue of CSE on Daily Politics with Jo Coburn - <https://www.lucyallan.com/news/lucy>
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Photo 1 - Lucy meeting BAE apprentices in Telford, during her recent visit.

Photo 2 - Lucy co-chairing the Skills Commission's Spotlight Inquiry examining Gender in the Skills System.

Photo 3 - Lucy chairing a round-table discussion for AQA in Parliament on 'Making the Most of your grades'.

Photo 4 - Lucy welcoming Jacob Rees-Mogg MP during a recent visit to Telford.



[Lucy Allan joins Environment Minister Dr](#)

[Thérèse Coffey to officially launch AO](#)

[Recycling Plant in Telford](#)

This month, I was delighted to join Parliamentary under Secretary of State for the Environment, Dr Thérèse Coffey MP, to officially launch the new AO Recycling Plant in Halesfield Telford.



[GKN takeover by Melrose](#)

Following the takeover of GKN by Melrose, Business Secretary, Greg Clarke MP is expected to review the rules on shareholders.

Currently, British rules let all investors vote on a takeover bid, which allows others to buy shares after a potential deal is announced and then use

We were joined by AO senior staff including CEO, Steve Caunce and were given a tour of the factory, which included a demonstration of how the site recycles fridges.

AO Recycling is one of the UK's largest recyclers of fridges and other large domestic appliances. The plant itself will recycle over 700,000 fridges a year which constitutes a fifth of all fridges disposed of in the UK every year. The site will also recycle the cardboard packaging that nearly all large domestic appliances are delivered in and is one of the most modern and environmentally friendly recycling plants in the country.

The 75,000 sqft facility became operational in late 2017 and will bring 200 jobs to Telford once full capacity is reached.

I congratulate AO Recycling on this fantastic initiative which has a very positive future ahead. Led by such passionate and enthusiastic staff, I know that the business will integrate well into our community, as well as provide employment opportunities for people in Telford.

This is such an important milestone in industrial and environmentally sustainable growth for Telford and its future.

their influence to push it in the direction that makes them the most profit.

The Business Secretary is expected to review whether shareholders that have only just bought into a company should be allowed to vote on vital takeover deals moving forward.

Following the takeover announcement I also called for a review of takeover rules.

I think it is right that shareholders decide the future management of a company in which they are invested. But as the GKN takeover illustrated too well, it was not shareholders as we know them who decided the future of this company. We saw speculators come on to the share register in the final weeks of the bid process with one simple objective: to make a quick profit.

These "investors" cared nothing for the future of the company, had no interest in which management team should take GKN forward and did not give employees, pensioners, customers and suppliers a second thought.

I will continue to call for a review into the takeover code and I will work to protect jobs and pensions for GKN workers in Telford.



[Surgery Appointments](#)

Like most MPs, I am in Parliament Monday to Thursday representing and speaking up for our area.

I do, however, hold regular surgeries in Telford on Fridays and Saturdays.

If you have an urgent problem: eviction, benefits, housing, enforcement, passports, debts, repatriation etc, please call for an appointment.

You can book an appointment, or seek advice, by calling [01952 290039](tel:01952290039).

Alternatively you can contact me, anytime, by e-mail at: lucy.allan.mp@parliament.uk



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