

[13/07/2021, 23:01:34] Helen whateley MP: Many lessons learned! But thank you. (And in case [NR] contacts you, I am looking into his point about Christian Scientists' Care homes)

[15/07/2021, 13:01:18] Helen whateley MP: I'm told flu vaccination guidance for NHS is imminent. It's really important we announce plans for NHS and social care flu programme at the same time, and that care home staff are vaccinated at their workplace. Last year the flu programme for social care was really poor; mustn't have a repeat of that this winter. Care workers were turned away by GPs & pharmacies when they tried to get jabs.

[24/07/2021, 19:38:35] Helen whateley MP: Enjoyed your Speccie diary with my coffee this morning ☐☐

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[01/09/2021, 18:22:24] Helen whateley MP: Missed voice call

[01/09/2021, 18:28:47] Helen whateley MP: I attended a cabinet committee meeting this am re Afghanistan. This didn't come up, but struck me - we could do with someone looking holistically at the health needs of new arrivals and making sure they are supported eg. Have they had vaccinations, what health problems would benefit from intervention asap, what info do they need on how to access healthcare etc. We may already do this with refugee/migrant arrivals, or maybe it happens locally, but it didn't sound (from my pre-brief) like a standardised process. Just to flag.

[01/09/2021, 19:01:56] Sajid: we are doing this for all Afghan refugees.

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[02/09/2021, 08:32:29] Sajid: what's name if that person?

[02/09/2021, 08:32:37] Sajid: of that person?

[02/09/2021, 09:52:43] Helen whateley MP: Joanne Liddy

[05/09/2021, 23:13:15] Helen whateley MP: ☐☐you had a good weekend. would love an update on SC reform when you can give me one.

[16/09/2021, 14:30:03] Helen whateley MP: PM is calling me later. Any tips?

[16/09/2021, 14:30:35] Helen whateley MP: And very good you are staying health sec.

Sorry should have said that first.

[28/11/2021, 18:58:15] Helen whateley MP: Great to see NHS Reserves officially launching ☐☐☐☐☐☐

[28/11/2021, 18:58:38] Sajid: Thanks for all your work

[28/11/2021, 19:01:03] Helen whateley MP: Thx. Glad to see something that started out as a 'pandemic legacy' idea (and encountered not insignificant institutional resistance) become a reality.

[01/12/2021, 14:21:08] Helen whateley MP: Great to see the social care white paper published today. So much good stuff in there!

[01/12/2021, 14:29:37] Sajid: well done YOU.

Your work.

[01/12/2021, 14:31:57] Helen whateley MP: Thank you. Confess do find it quite hard not to be taking it through. Just say if anything I can do to help it land eg with colleagues stakeholders - have offered same to [NR] - but clearly don't want to tread on her toes.

[09/12/2021, 19:27:21] Helen whateley MP: In case this is helpful, some reflections based on experiences with social care/delta surge last winter; if you can keep on allowing visiting but with testing, that would be much better for mental health of residents & relatives; frequent staff testing clearly vital & must keep on top of PCR turnaround times - even then it was very hard to keep it out of care homes; regular minister-led calls with the stakeholders to hear from the coal face; staffing would be my biggest worry, especially with more of the economy functioning - the regional team became the best source of intel on this, and councils need to proactively contact their providers to check they are managing.

[09/12/2021, 19:27:43] Helen whateley MP: I hope that is helpful rather than annoying!

[09/12/2021, 20:05:01] Sajid: Thank you. v v helpful.

Our approach is just this - focus on testing. It won't be perfect, but feels like the right balance.

I am concerned about Omicron and care homes.

[09/12/2021, 20:05:05] Sajid: Thanks

[09/12/2021, 20:53:07] Helen whateley MP: Vaccination will hopefully help - we didn't have that until some way through last winter - but experience with delta suggests it will be very hard to keep out of care homes. I have chatted through what we did/learnt with [NR] this eve.