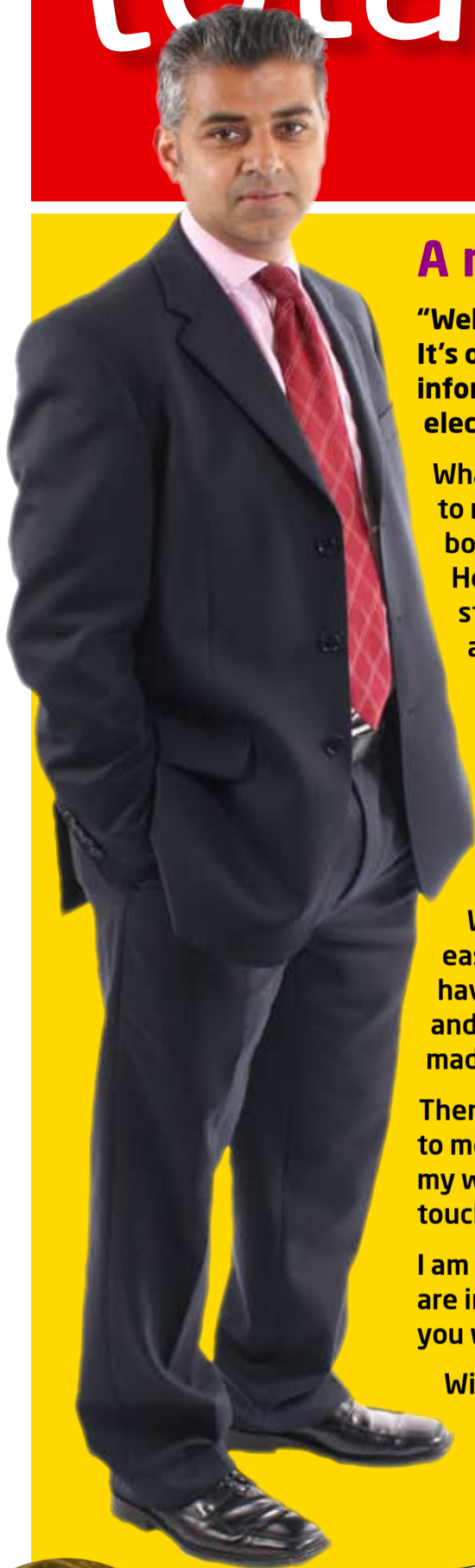


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A message from Sadiq

"Welcome to my new look Totally Tooting. It's one of the ways I keep local residents informed of my work for you, the people I'm elected to serve.

What happens in our community really matters to me. Like my wife and daughters, I was born at St George's Hospital. I grew up on the Henry Prince Estate in Earlsfield and went to state schools in Tooting Bec. I've lived in our area all my life.

So it's great when I can win improvements for our area. Whether it's school funding, public transport or action against crime (to name just three) my job is to get government help to make our lives better.

With this new format it will now be even easier to update you on some campaigns I have been working on, with residents locally and in Parliament, and the progress we have made.

There isn't enough space in this newsletter to mention everything! For more details, visit my website at www.sadiqkhan.org.uk or get in touch with me. My contact details are overleaf.

I am always happy to help with the issues which are important to you. I am here to represent you whatever your politics."

With best wishes,

Extra investment secured for Wandsworth Schools

Sadiq, together with local residents and Councillors, has been working hard lobbying the Government for more money for local schools.

Sadiq's campaign has paid off spectacularly, with the recent announcement that Wandsworth has been moved up the priority list for "Building Schools for the Future" funding.

£250 million extra

Local schools will now receive £250 million worth of extra money over the next few years.

Sadiq welcomed the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, Ed Balls MP to Graveney School, where they met some of the children who will benefit from the additional funding.

This will allow Graveney's plans to be built, including a dance studio and theatre that can be used by the wider community.

Ed Balls MP said "I was really impressed by the students. Their plans on how the extra money should be spent were really exciting. The staff and parents also deserve thanks for the huge amount of work they put into making the school a success."

Sadiq Khan MP said "It's really good that all our excellent schools locally will benefit from the extra funding we have secured from the Government."



Sadiq visits Graveney School with Education Secretary Ed Balls

Back to work plan

Sadiq has welcomed government proposals which will see radical changes to the benefits system.

In Tooting there are 1382 people without jobs; one of the lowest rates of unemployment in the country. Although this is a massive improvement on the past, it is still too many.

The Welfare Reform Green Paper aims to break the cycle of worklessness affecting a small number of families, easing those who have been out of work for a long period back into working life through voluntary work, which they will complete to receive their

state benefits.

The government has also proposed new support, training and funding to help those on long-term incapacity benefit back into work and measures to help drug addicts beat their addictions and hold on to jobs.

The plans place more emphasis on responsible parenting and helping parents, with the aim of lifting 200,000 children out of poverty.

Sadiq said "These proposals will make a huge difference to many lives locally."

"I want to help people help themselves, and significantly improve their quality of life."

Sadiq's campaign delays Springfield plan

Sadiq Khan has published the results of a survey revealing the true extent of opposition to plans for a huge development at Springfield Hospital.

Sadiq has been working with local residents, who are concerned with the scale of the development, to challenge the existing plans.

The campaign has already had an impact, delaying the planning application until at least the autumn.

Sadiq was concerned about the lack of consultation on what is the biggest development to take place

in the Tooting constituency in a decade, so he decided to run his own consultation of residents.

The results of the survey revealed 96% of residents opposed the plans, or had serious reservations about them.

Sadiq said, "I have told the developers they need to go back to the drawing board. My main concerns are the sheer scale of the plans: the number of units proposed, the height of the buildings, their location and the impact such a development will have on the local community."

To see the results please visit www.sadiqkhan.org.uk

NHS: looking good for 60



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visit Sadiq at one of his regular advice surgeries

This summer Sadiq has been celebrating the 60th anniversary of the NHS.

The NHS has come a long way since it was set up in 1948. As the founder of the NHS, Welsh MP Nye Bevan said, "Expectations will always exceed capacity. The service must always be changing, growing and improving."

Year after year this is what has been happening. In recent years investment has trebled, hundreds of hospitals have been built and a record number of doctors and nurses employed.

New maternity unit

In Tooting Sadiq has helped secure huge investments and many improvements. Amongst other things this has led to reduced waiting lists, improved care for stroke patients, new treatment facilities for cancer sufferers and a new maternity unit at St George's.

Front line health care has also benefited from a new walk-in centre (which now has extended opening hours) and many of our GPs' surgeries have been refurbished to provide enhanced services.

Many local GPs are extending their openings



Sadiq and staff at St George's celebrate 60 years of a great service

hours to meet the demands of residents. Patients said they would like to see better evening and weekend access to local health services.

Sadiq said "The 60th anniversary is the perfect time for us to reflect on the success of the NHS. We should be very proud of what we've got, and thank the hardworking staff for making the NHS what it is."

Sadiq said, "My visit to Afghanistan made me even more aware of the deadly affect these weapons have on innocent civilians in war-torn areas.

"Cluster bombs release hundreds of small bombs over a wide area, many of which do not explode.

"Because of this they remain in the ground long after a conflict has ended, maiming and killing civilians who disturb them.

"It is incredibly difficult and costly to remove them, so a ban is the only way to protect innocent lives.

"The government will now work to encourage the widest possible international support for the new Convention."

problem with a three-track approach of intensive prevention, alongside support for parents and tougher enforcement of the existing laws around carrying knives.

"Strong communities help to prevent these tragedies. A good local MP like Sadiq is an important part of this, and I value the advice he gives."

Sadiq said, "Knife crime must be tackled as a matter of urgency. I have been working with young people locally, the police, residents and community leaders to tackle this problem.

"The vast majority of young people are good citizens, and are fed up with the fear caused by a small minority."

Cluster bombs banned

Sadiq has welcomed the news that Britain has led 111 other countries to a landmark agreement banning the use of cluster bombs. Sadiq has been lobbying the government to ban them for years, and redoubled his efforts following a recent visit to Afghanistan.

KNIFE CRIME: SADIQ TACKLES THE PROBLEM

Sadiq Khan MP has been working with the Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith MP, to find the best way to tackle the growing problem of knife crime, and stop it gaining a foothold in Tooting.

Overall crime has fallen significantly in recent years, and continues to do so. Violent crime also continues to go down year on year, but the fear of crime continues to rise. This has been linked to an apparent increase in knife related crime.

The Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, said: "The government is responding to the

SADIQ OUT & ABOUT Super head retires



Lift off: Sadiq brings a new lift to Balham Station



Enjoying Earlsfield & Sellincourt Olympics



Ambulance Pull for charity

The Head Teacher of one of Tooting's leading Primary schools recently announced his retirement. Tom Gately of St Anselm's (RC) Primary School, is stepping down after 18 years. He is a popular figure, who will be missed.

Sadiq attended a Mass of Celebration for Tom's services to education, conducted by Father William Hebborn. The tribute paid to Tom by the Chair of Govenors, Brendan Kearns, was richly deserved.

Sadiq Khan MP said "It was good to see so many local children, parents and other local primary Heads present for this important event. Tom will be a hard act to follow and I wish him a very happy retirement, whilst at the same time wishing Christine Macauley the best of luck as the new Head."

Sadiq also attended the ordination of Dr David Dean at the Shofar Church, Earlsfield and Sellincourt Primary School Olympics, Graveney Fire Service Mela, the Balham and

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Association Fun Day, the Furzedown Festival and many more fairs, fêtes and summer events.

You can read more about Sadiq's activities on his website at www.sadiqkhan.org.uk



Sadiq in discussion with the Home Secretary Jacqui Smith