



VALERIE OPPOSES CONTROVERSIAL HEALTH BILL



Valerie voted against the Government's Health and Social Care Bill at its third reading.

Valerie said: "This is a reckless, unnecessary and wasteful reorganisation of the NHS. I have received a very large number of e-mails and letters from constituents on this important issue and I know how concerned local people are about the Government's proposals.

"The Government's plans will break up the NHS as a national public service and are fundamentally weakening the Health Secretary's responsibilities. The Bill still contains the essential elements to set the NHS up as a full-scale market based on the model of the privatised utilities.

"I have consistently voted against the Bill and I am very disappointed that it has passed its Third Reading. I will continue to fight against the dismantling of our National Health Service."

To Contact Valerie:

Email: valerie.vaz.mp@parliament.uk

Westminster Office: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
Telephone: 020 7219 7176

Constituency Office: 114a Lichfield Street, Walsall. WS1 1SZ
Telephone: 01922 635835

ALL CHANGE WITH BOUNDARIES

The Boundary Commission has published its proposed boundary changes following the Government's decision to reduce the number of seats in the House of Commons by 50. The West Midlands is set to lose five seats, which Valerie opposes.

Proposals for Walsall South mean that the current wards would be divided between two constituencies, Walsall South and Walsall West – that is over 40% of the current Walsall South split between each of the new constituencies. Bentley & Darlaston North, Darlaston South and Pleck move into Walsall West and Paddock, Palfrey, Pheasey and St Mathews form part of the new Walsall South.

Valerie said: "I am sure that many residents will wish to participate in the public consultation phase. Details are available at <http://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/> "

Valerie Backs Elderly Persons Social Centre

Valerie is backing the Palfrey-based Elderly Persons Social Centre entry in the NatWest CommunityForce funding competition. If the centre gains enough votes in an online poll, NatWest will donate £6000 towards its work in the community. To vote for the centre, please visit <http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/3515>

Valerie said: "I would encourage you to vote for the centre as its work is very important to large number of elderly people in the Palfrey area."

FUN DAY AT ST MARY'S THE MOUNT



Valerie visited the Funfair Day at St Mary's the Mount Parish on Saturday 10th September. The Funfair Day was organised by The Daughters of Divine Love in order to raise money for charity.

Valerie said: "I was delighted to attend the funfair day and to meet with the nuns who work so tirelessly to support our community."

MADE BY BRITAIN



On Saturday 10th September, Valerie visited Chuckery-based casting manufacturer Chamberlin and Hill and nominated their turbocharger castings to represent Walsall South in the Made by Britain scheme.

Valerie said: "Having been based here for 121 years, Chamberlin and Hill is a prime example of the best of Walsall's successful manufacturing industry. "

"I am delighted to nominate Chamberlin and Hill's turbocharger castings as the product to represent Walsall South in the Made by Britain scheme. In 2010, around 10% of petrol engines were turbocharged. However, by 2015, approximately 80-90% of car petrol engines are expected to be turbocharged. This will enable petrol engines to function more efficiently and reduce emissions."

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Health Select Committee, of which Valerie is a member, published reports into the healthcare regulators Monitor and the Care Quality Commission on 14th September 2011.

The Committee's report on Monitor made it clear that standards for authorising Foundation Trusts should not fall due to increased pressure to become Foundation Trusts.

The report on the CQC criticised a "distortion of priorities" at the organisation, finding that a focus on administrative tasks had been at the expense of the core function of inspection. The Committee found that this was the result of a lack of sufficiently clear priorities and objectives.

Surgeries

Valerie holds regular surgeries. To arrange an appointment, please call the Constituency Office on 01922 635835