



19 Events
23 Hours
36,000 Households Contacted

Emma Hardy MP

**THE BIG
CONVERSATION**

14th Sep—4th Oct 2018



Introduction

When I was elected, I promised that I'd be the voice of Hull West and Hessle in Parliament. To do this, it is important that I hear from as many of you as possible about the things you care about.

In September and October 2018, I organised The Big Conversation, a series of events which enable me to meet as many of you as possible and talk about the issues that affect your lives.

Over a four week period, 36,000 leaflets were hand delivered to Hessle, Boothferry, Pickering, Derringham, Central and St Andrew's and Docklands wards. These leaflets not only described the issues and actions I took after The Big Conversation 2017 events and advertised the events in the 2018 calendar, but also included a survey which you could fill in and return to my office to enable you to make your voice heard.

I held nineteen meetings all over the city. The aim was to talk about a wide variety of issues including health, education, housing, anti-social behaviour and many more. I arranged events for a diverse range of Hull and Hessle's people from young adults to the elderly, charities and local community groups. Here is a table of all the meetings that took place:

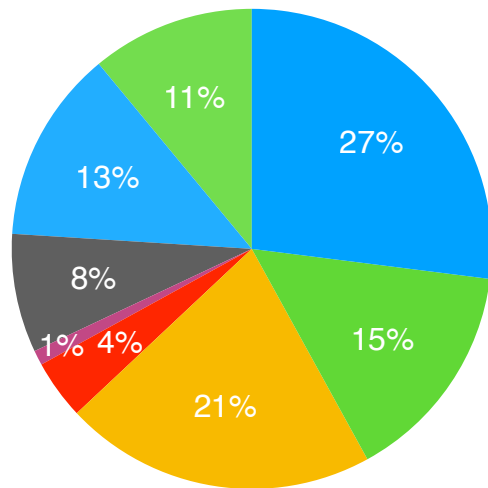
Date	Venue	Attendees	Issue Discussed
14.09	BBC Radio Humberside - The Burnsey Show	Community Phone In	Constituency Issues
14.09	Selby Street Mission	Community	Mental Health
17.09	Wheatfield Community Centre	Community	Community Issues
17.09	Halfway House Public House	Hessle Road D.A.R.T.S	Community Issues
18.09	Hull Central Library	Community	Allergies
19.09	Marquis of Granby Public House	Hessle First with Trading	Community Issues
19.09	The Warren	Community	Young People
20.09	Costa Coffee, Hessle	Community Drop In	Community Issues
20.09	Hessle Youth Club	Hessle Youth Club Attendees	Youth Concerns
20.09	Anlaby Park Library	Community Drop In	Community Issues
1.10	Bean & Nothingness	Community	Endometriosis Awareness
1.10	Station Hotel	Old People's Partnership	Concerns of the Elderly
1.10	Priory Baptist Church	Humberside Police and Community	Ant-Social Behaviour
2.10	Boulevard Baptist Church	Community	Parental Concerns
2.10	Kardomah	Community	Education
3.10	The Lonsdale Centre	Hull City Council and Community	Benefits and Welfare Reform
3.10	Wheatfield Community Centre	Friends of Pickering Park	Community Issues
4.10	The Deep	Hull Chamber of Commerce	Business Issues
4.10	Giroscope – Coltman Street	Giroscope and Community	Housing



Results of Leaflet Surveys

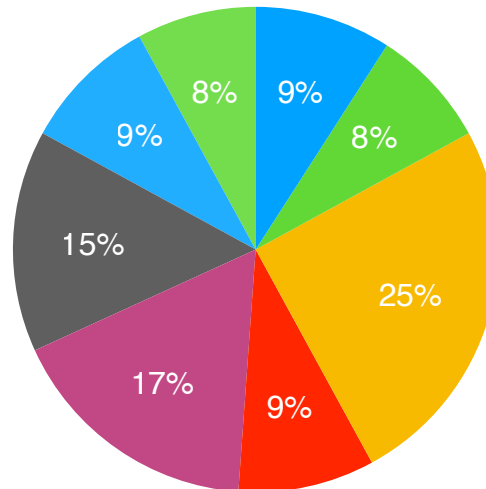
I received an overwhelming amount of surveys back. I have collated the information below and correlated it with what people told me during the meetings. It is clear that the cuts to the NHS and problems with anti-social behaviour remain significant concerns.

Q1. Which top three issues do you think should be my priority in parliament at the moment?



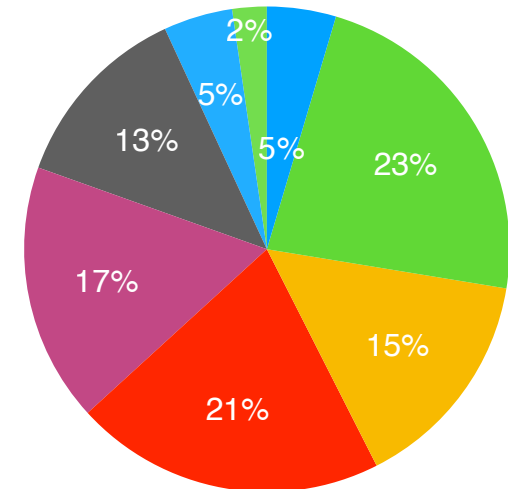
- NHS
- Crime
- Animal rights/Cruelty
- Environment
- Brexit
- Defence
- Pensions
- Housing

Q2. Last year you told me that education and mental health were your biggest concerns. Which. Issues are you most worried about now?



- Children's Mental Health
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Hospital Waiting Times
- Education Cuts
- PIP
- NHS Cuts
- Homelessness
- Jobs

Q3. Which two issues are affecting you most locally?



- Fly tipping/rubbish
- Traffic
- Pot holes
- School class sizes
- Anti-social behaviour
- NHS Treatment
- Parking
- Public Transport

Discussions and Issues Which Were Raised At The Events

There were many issues raised through the 19 organised events and many were individual and local issues which were dealt with immediately.

Below are the local and national issues which were identified as being the most important to you and what will shape my Action Plan for 2019.



Anti-Social Behaviour

People are concerned with the increase of anti-social behaviour in the area. There are reports of large gangs of youths, nuisance motorbikes and upsurge in theft and petty crime.

1. To debate in Parliament the rise of antisocial behaviour and highlight the cuts to our Police and to early-intervention programmes. Ensure the police pension changes are fully funded
2. To continue to support the local police force and to campaign for improvements and initiatives such as the return of a Hessle police base and installation of CCTV in troubled hotspots.

Universal Credit

Universal Credit (UC) was rolled out across the constituency in November 2018 and there are concerns that claimants will not receive any payments for up to six weeks which will cause undue hardship.

More money needs investing in advice services. People find that it is not easy to find what advice services are out there so a page with everything available was suggested.

1. To continue to pressure the government to postpone the roll-out of Universal Credit across the UK.
2. To support constituents who struggle with the move to UC and direct them to services that can help them.
3. To add a page on my website which includes all advice services which can help with constituents' concerns over moving to UC.

Mental Health

Constituents raised concerns over the increase of Mental Health in children, partly caused by increased school pressure and lack of funding in schools for mental health support. There is a lack of funding in the NHS for Mental Health and CAMHS and people are having to turn to charities and local community projects which are also struggling through lack of resources.

1. To campaign for better Mental Health services within schools and for better funding for provision for SEND pupils through the education select committee.
2. To campaign for more funding to NHS Mental Health Services.
3. To support local community groups who help people with mental health issues and provide informal community spaces to help combat loneliness and its effects.

Issue

Action

Issue	Education Concerns were raised about underfunding throughout the Education Sector from mainstream education, Further Education and for SEND provision. Education now focuses too much around league tables and exam results and not about providing children with a broad, stimulating education.	Allergies Local allergy sufferers have many concerns when it comes to this subject. There are long waiting times to be diagnosed. Restaurants and catering outlets change their ingredients all the time and people with allergies cannot always feel reassured to eat out.	Endometriosis At the endometriosis event many sufferers told of the struggle they had in getting diagnosed with the condition. Women are often disbelieved by medical professionals and on average it takes seven years to be diagnosed.	Health Poverty An example of health poverty which was discussed at the Parental Concerns event was the decision to restrict GPs and pharmacists to prescribe head lice treatments to only in extreme circumstances. This creates a situation where head lice outbreaks in schools are continuous when parents cannot get access to the remedies.
Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Department for Education and to push for more funding to schools, Further Education and SEND provision.2. To continue to promote an education system where children are provided an engaging curriculum which nurtures individual abilities and focuses less on league tables and exam results.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To write to Secretary of State for Health to raise constituents concerns regarding the waiting times to be diagnosed with an allergy.2. To offer support to allergy charities and help them in my role as an MP.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To campaign for menstrual well-being to be taught in schools so pupils can know key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To campaign and bring awareness to the problem of health poverty in society and fight for money to be released for the most vulnerable.

Issue	Period Poverty The issue of women and girls not being able to afford sanitary products and experiencing embarrassing situations by not having the products they need.	Train Services Local trains are important to many people and groups across the community. The electrification on the line between Hull and Selby isn't happening and is very disappointing. The service offered by Hull Trains this year has been very unsatisfactory due to the constant malfunctions of the trains.	Aviary in Pickering Park Local residents would like the Pickering Park aviary to be refurbished and reopened.	Youth Provision in Hessle When meeting with local young adults at Hessle Youth Centre they discussed how they would like to see some investment in areas where they can keep active. Some suggestions were a skate park closer to Hessle because the one on Foreshore is unsafe and also a soft (astro turf) pitch which they can use in winter.	Litter and Fly Tipping Litter and fly-tipping is an issue across the constituency. The council is under pressure through funding cuts to Local Authorities but it was also discussed whether there needs to be more education needed in how litter damages the local environment.
Action	1. To support Hull City Council in their initiative to help tackle Period Poverty in the Hull area.	1. To continue to campaign for the electrification of the line between Hull and Selby. 2. To continue to push local train services to provide a better service for rail customers. 3. Support Labour's policy to renationalise our railway.	1. To continue to support Labour Councillors in the proposition of the restoration of the aviary.	1. To work with Paul Hogan, Labour Councillor to see if funds could be invested in creating improved outdoor spaces for young people to stay active.	1. Organise regular litter picks in Hull West and Hessle.

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you to all the people and
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