

## LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT:

### MOTION 12.4 REGARDING BLEED KIT

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Secunder: Mayor John Biggs

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This Council Notes:

1. In the year ending March 2020, there were around 46,000 (selected) offences involving a knife or sharp instrument in England and Wales.
2. London recorded the highest rate of 179 offences involving a knife per 100,000 population in 2019/20, a slight increase on a rate of 169 in 2018/19.
3. The ONS reported that more than 46,000 offences involving knives or sharp instruments were recorded by police in the year ending March 2020.
4. Tower Hamlets has a growing young population and has witnessed an increase of violent crime in recent years involving knives and sharp objects.
5. One of the most recent incidents at the time of submitting this motion involved a teenager ~~suffered~~ suffering a significant knife wound after being stabbed in Tower Hamlets on ~~Sunday evening~~ September 12.
6. Tackling knife crime and violence is a key priority for the Council which requires a whole system approach. This is addressed not just by Tower Hamlets Council, but in partnership with other key agencies such as the Metropolitan Police Service, public health and wider partners.
7. The Council has committed to adopt a public health approach to tackling violence and knife crime, and this commitment has been embedded within the new Tower Hamlets Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-24: focusing on early intervention and prevention, and the wider determinants of crime and community safety to address violence locally.
8. In 2020, Tower Hamlets renewed its commitment to tackling knife crime through its development of a Violence Reduction Action Plan setting out how the Council will address violence in partnership with the Police, the Voluntary Community Sector, Probation, schools, and other community safety partners. It details the approach that will be taken including enforcement, reducing access to weapons, safeguarding, and educating young people, working alongside communities and neighbourhoods, supporting victims of violence and diverting those who have committed violent offences away from crime.
9. The Tower Hamlets Public Health team is committed to investigate the effectiveness of bleed control kits in saving lives and to assess the first aid training available in schools and will make a recommendation to the Community Safety Partnership on the intervention for consideration of inclusion in its Violence Reduction Action Plan.

### **This Council believes:**

1. That every measure needs to be taken to save the lives of victims of violent knife crime and congratulates The Daniel Baird Foundation for its work in promoting the use and installation of Bleed Control Kits around the country.
2. The Daniel Baird Foundation was established by Lynne Baird after her son Daniel was stabbed to death in Birmingham after a dispute outside a pub in 2017.
3. A Bleed Control Kit is a small critical injury pack which contains specialised dressings, a tourniquet, instructions and other specialised medical supplies designed to stop or control the severe bleeding that often follows when someone is stabbed.
4. The public access kits are designed to be used by non-emergency personnel in much the same way that heart defibrillators ('shock machines') specifically designed for use by those with no First Aid training are becoming a common sight in London and the UK.
5. While we still need an effective Public Health approach to reduce the catastrophe that is knife crime, Bleed Control Kits can be another way to treat victims.

### **This Council resolves:**

1. To ~~direct~~ **support** the Tower Hamlets Public Health team to work with The Daniel Baird Foundation, the NHS, Metropolitan Police Service and the London Ambulance Service to develop the best strategy for the deployment of Bleed Control Kits across the borough.
2. To seek sponsorship of Bleed Control Kits from commercial partners to reduce costs of purchase and installation go Bleed Control Cabinets.
3. To work with ~~introduce First Aid training into every~~ secondary schools and colleges ~~classroom~~ in the borough to assess the first aid training that is available and to increase the potential benefits of any Bleed Control Kits that have to be used.
4. To publicly thank Lynne Baird for her tireless efforts in memory of her son Daniel to establish The Daniel Baird Foundation and hope that her good work saves many lives.