

Response to Amnesty Press Release

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Firstly, we would like to thank Amnesty for the work they have done to highlight the human rights abuses in care homes during the first wave of Covid and for asking us to contribute our evidence to their report.

We now hear that information leaked to Amnesty shows exactly the same abuses are happening all over again.

We were never in any doubt that the Government policies pursued during the first wave of Covid were deliberate as there is a limit to stupidity. Many thousands suffered and died without access to proper medical care, whilst hundreds of hospital beds stood empty. Our FOI to CQC revealed over 6000 people died in residential care homes, up to the period of June and that all care home deaths from Covid were being counted as one number without any consideration to the level of care that could be provided in residential care settings. Now the same crimes are being committed yet again.

Firstly I would ask every MP sitting in the House of Commons if they would be willing to sign an agreement that should they or any member of their family be infected with Covid and be ill enough to need hospital treatment, agree to be only administered care home levels of medical care?

Secondly, I would ask why the most vulnerable must be put at the most risk? During the first wave of Covid and again during the second wave, the most likely place those who should be shielded are the most likely to be infected by Covid after hospital settings, is care homes.

We demand this abuse stops now, as we highlighted back in March care homes are not hospital setting, up to 70% of people living in care homes have dementia, trying to contain Covid in theses settings is not difficult but impossible.

Please see our earlier reports below for the consequences of the Governments stance so far. We will continue to report on the suffering and loss of life.

We thank the whistleblower who leaked the documents, as long as there is one person willing to do something to expose the wrong, there is hope but only if there is someone to expose the wrong to, and we remember this especially on the day we announce the winners of The Gavin MacFadyen award.

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