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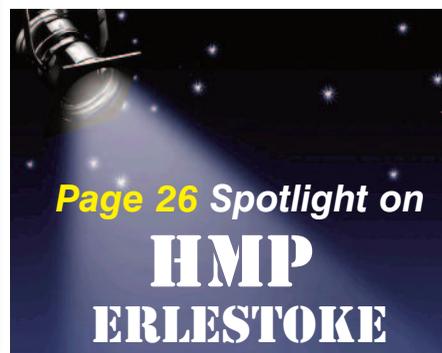
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£2m More Spent On MPs' Security After Murder Of Jo Cox, Figures Show

The amount of money spent protecting MPs has increased by more than £2 million since the murder of Jo Cox, figures have shown.

Information published by the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) shows that £170,576.24 was spent on security assistance in 2015/16. This sum increased 15-fold to £2,550,954.22 in 2016/17, IPSA said.

Ruth Evans, chair of the authority, said: "Following the tragic events of June 2016, there was a big increase in the total expenditure on security, rising to £2.5 million during this year.

"It is important that we take the security of MPs, and that of their families and their staff, very seriously."

IPSA said a standard package of security measures is available to all MPs that has been recommended by security advisers and the police.

Enhanced measures can be offered to MPs upon recommendation by the police, the authority added.

Ms Cox was murdered by a right-wing extremist as she arrived to host a surgery in her Batley and Spen constituency last June.

Earlier this year, a coat of arms was unveiled in Parliament to honour the Labour MP.

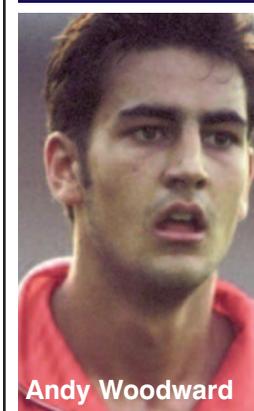
Inspired by her maiden speech, the plaque bears the motto "More in Common", with elements to show off her love of rivers and mountains and her support for women, as well as four red roses to represent each of her family members, two red for Labour and two white for Yorkshire.

Sports Coaches Included In 'Position Of Trust' Definition After Sex Abuse Cases

Sports coaches are to be included in the legal definition of "position of trust", the Government has said.

Sports minister Tracey Crouch told MPs she has secured ministerial agreement with the Ministry of Justice and Home Office for a law change.

Professions including teaching are currently covered by the law, which means it is illegal for an adult in a position



Andy Woodward

of trust to have sexual activity or relationships with a child under 18.

Campaigners have argued there is a need to close the loophole to ensure sports coaches are included in the definition following revelations about sexual abuse in sport.

Ms Crouch told the Commons: "It's actually a year ago today since Andy Woodward, the ex-Crewe Alexandra player, reported historic allegations. He was incredibly brave to do so.

"And as a consequence of that courage he has made sure we in Government and other parts of the sporting sector have taken this issue incredibly seriously, which is why I'm actually pleased to announce that I have secured ministerial agreement with the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office to change laws on the position of trust so that it includes sports coaches."

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