



# NEWS UPDATE

From James Brokenshire - Conservative MP for Old Bexley & Sidcup

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## Saying “thank you” to our amazing NHS Volunteers



*James Brokenshire visited Queen Mary's Hospital Sidcup to meet and thank volunteers who have dedicated their time to the hospital and its patients during Coronavirus.*

James has thanked the team at Queen Mary's Hospital Sidcup for their continued work during the current pandemic and to recognise the work of volunteers for giving up their time to support our NHS and look after those in most need in our community.

James joined Matthew Trainer, the Chief Executive of Oxleas NHS Trust and Andy Trotter the Chair of Oxleas at a socially distanced 'thank you' event. During the visit, James had the opportunity to hear about the vital work the team of nearly 300 volunteers have provided in delivering an outstanding and friendly service to patients and their families during this challenging time. James also thanked Matthew Trainer for his efforts in helping to establish the Nightingale Hospital in Docklands.

### Skills Funding Support for Bexley

*Further Education Group London South East Colleges (which includes the Bexley Campus) has been allocated a share of a £200 million Government investment to repair buildings, renovate campuses and upgrade facilities. James has welcomed the announcement as a further demonstration of the Government's commitment to transform the further education sector and invest in skills and jobs.*



James is calling for people to demonstrate the need for a Post Office on Sidcup High Street by adding their name to the 'Sidcup Needs a Post Office' petition. The situation has become even more pressing with the 'Happy Shopper' closing its Post office counter services later this month. You can show your support for the campaign at:

<https://www.jamesbrokenshire.com/campaigns/sidcup-needs-post-office-campaign>



James has visited the Co-Op food-store in Blackfen to hear how the team has been serving the local community during lockdown. James heard of some unacceptable assaults on shop staff and is following up with the Police & Ministers on the need to protect those serving the public.

### Return of Parliament

James will be back at Westminster this week as Parliament returns after recess. Extra measures will see that the Palace of Westminster operates in a Covid secure way.

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