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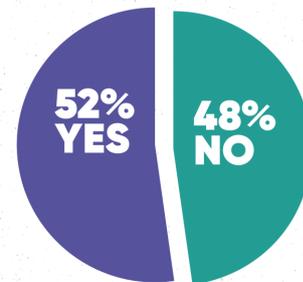


NEWSLETTER

## SURGE IN SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE

Since my last update, the UK has left the EU. You won't have noticed much change yet though because we're currently in a transition period until the end of the year. And despite Boris Johnson getting his way with Brexit, he's certainly paying the price for it in Scotland. Poll after poll is now showing that there is a majority in favour of Scottish independence. Panelbase, YouGov and Survation are all now showing Yes out in front. Faced with years of cruel and callous Tory rule at Westminster, we can only expect that number to rise. But we cannot take it for granted. I'll continue to work flat-out to make sure that we have the chance to decide on our own future in another independence referendum. As we've seen though, the more the Prime Minister says no, the more the people will say yes.

### YET ANOTHER POLL SHOWS A MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE



Source: Panelbase/The National/Scot Goes Pop  
28-31st January 2020, Excluding Don't Knows.

### NEONATAL GROUP REFORMED

As you might be aware, I set up the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Premature & Sick Babies last year and have been working hard to secure meaningful changes in the law. Well, I've got the group back up and running in this new parliamentary session and am pleased to report that I've been re-elected as Chair. I'm looking forward to working with the new officers to make a real difference.



### TAKING MENSELF SERIOUSLY

It was brilliant to pop into the Menself group at Helenvale flats recently to chat about all things men's health, tackling isolation and looking after each other. Among the commendable aims of the group, they encourage men to take responsibility for their health and well-being, and reduce preventable disease, injury, disability, and premature death. To learn more, visit [www.menself.scot](http://www.menself.scot)



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## PROMOTING PARKRUN

As a keen runner, I'm delighted to report that I've been elected as Vice-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Parkrun. Every Saturday morning in the UK, more than 600 Parkruns take place in parkland surroundings, with tens of thousands of people taking part, including hundreds locally. We're very fortunate to have a weekly Parkrun event in the East end at Tollcross Park. Every time I've taken part in the run, or volunteered to help marshal, I've been hugely impressed with the dedication and commitment shown by everyone involved, and hope to support their work through the group.

## TEA WITH YOUR MP

There was a lot of upheaval at the end of 2019 with the General Election and holiday period. As a result, my regular help & advice surgery schedule hadn't been in operation. Keen to give my constituents a way to talk to me face-to-face, I held a Tea with your MP event at The Charter on Tollcross Road in January. I'm very grateful to local councillor Jen Layden who joined me at what turned out to be a very well-attended and successful event.



## SUPERMARKET SWEEP

As well as Tea with Your MP, I also held a special Supermarket Surgery at Morrisons in Baillieston with Councillor Elaine Ballantyne. These pop-up help and advice sessions are a great way for people to catch their local elected politicians without having to go out of their way, and this event was certainly a popular one with locals. Between us, we picked up numerous cases ranging from dog fouling to tax issues, which we're now working hard to fix.



## TV LICENCE CAMPAIGN MOVES FORWARD

The Tories pledged to maintain free TV licences for over-75s, but this promise is now being broken and it isn't fair that pensioners are paying the price. I've been collecting signatures for the past few months across the East end and am pleased to report that my petition ended up having the support of over 1,200 local people. I've now presented that petition in the House of Commons. Such massive support for a local paper petition is sure to catch the attention of UK Government Ministers, who now desperately need to rethink these unacceptable plans.

