

I don't often do political prose on my private Facebook page, but today's a special day and so I'm going to make an exception.

Every so often something happens in this job and you realise how much good you can do.

About a month ago on a BBC Radio Oxford call in, a radiographer dialed in anonymously and spoke about how they were concerned for them and their partner who both work for the NHS. They told me that if anything happened to them, especially given the lack of PPE and by being exposed to Coronavirus, and they passed away, that they would be worried for their nine-year-old daughter. They don't have close family. They wanted reassurance she'd be taken care of financially. He sounded pretty emotional.

Immediately I agreed and said I would take this up. As a direct result of that call, I started calling for a coronavirus compensation scheme to match the Armed Forces compensation scheme for when servicemen lose their lives in service. This would include a lump sum on death, but also a monthly payment to the family and help with funeral costs. That was 25th March.