

# Nick de Bois MP

Member of Parliament for Enfield North

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## Nick's campaign sees "Enfield's law" brought in to tackle youth knife crime

*Mandatory prison sentences for 16 and over who use a knife to threaten*

Enfield North MP Nick de Bois has thanked Enfield residents and anti-knife crime groups who helped campaign for a new law on knife crime, after the Government announced it would back his proposals.

The Government had planned to bring in a new law for mandatory prison sentences for adults who use a knife to threaten or endanger a life. Nick's amendment to the Government's legislation sought to include 16 and 17 years olds in this new law.

After hundreds of Enfield residents signed a petition, and anti-knife groups such as STOP, Anti-knife UK, TAG and the Enfield-based Nelson-Williams Foundation backed Nick's proposal, The Sun newspaper also got on board.

**WATCH:** Nick on the BBC's Daily Politics

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Nick called on David Cameron to back the new law at Prime Minister's Questions, and won the support of 40 MPs for the amendment. Following this pressure, last week Justice Secretary Ken Clarke announced the Government would support the idea, after initially not intending to back the idea. It has been dubbed "Enfield's law".

Nick said, "I am delighted that our campaign has been a success, and is the result of the whole borough working together. We can be proud of what we have achieved in making Enfield and Britain a safer place".

Let Nick know what you think of the campaign – e-mail him at [nick.debois.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nick.debois.mp@parliament.uk)

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**WATCH:** Nick presents knife crime petition to Parliament <http://tinyurl.com/68qx7e2>

## Nick votes in favour of EU referendum



In the recent vote in the House of Commons on having a referendum on Britain's relationship with the EU, Nick was one of just 81 Conservative MPs who voted in favour of giving the British people a referendum on the EU.

**Nick said,** *"I believe that there are occasions when conscience and principle must come first. I do not vote against the Government lightly, but on this issue the most important aspect was to ensure that I accurately represented my constituents' views, which I feel I have done."*

*He added, "Anyone under the age of 55 has not had the chance for a referendum on Britain's relationship with the EU, and since the last referendum Europe has changed a great deal. I think it right that the British public have their view heard".*

## New Jobs Fair announced for February 2012



Nick spoke about the success of January's Enfield Jobs Fair at Conservative Party conference, and announced that he would be organising a new Jobs Fair for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

January's Jobs Fair, held at Southbury Leisure Centre, hosted over 40 local companies, training providers and voluntary organisations which advertised their vacancies and opportunities.

Over 1,200 people attended on the day, gaining Enfield national attention for such an innovative scheme. **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012** will see the final day of Apprenticeships week, and the 2012 Enfield Jobs Fair will have companies advertising their apprenticeships opportunities.

Nick said, "As an MP I can't create jobs, but I can bring together those with job offers and people looking for work. I know that we can recreate the success of the 2011 Jobs Fair so I hope people will get involved".