



### **Cutting the supply of illegal guns**

Cutting the supply of illegal weapons to the UK is just one example of how Labour is committed to delivering results in Europe which make a difference locally.

Since the Police and Mothers Against Violence asked for my help in tackling the illegal supply of convertible weapons to gangs in our inner cities I have lead the campaign for tougher European gun law.

46% of weapons seized by Greater Manchester Police are converted weapons which are now a cheap and popular choice for criminals. Tragically young people have been killed by these weapons and we owe it to their families to take these guns off our streets.

Without tougher controls in Europe the UK's strict law will be undermined and the smugglers will continue to supply gangs with illegal guns. The European Parliament backed my amendments for a tougher law on convertible guns and we now have a new law on the European statute books which has been welcomed by the police and Mothers Against Violence.

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