



Youngest Members of Parliament since 1979

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Name	Age	From	To	Reason for becoming youngest MP	Date of birth*	Constituency	Party
Stephen Dorrell	27 years 2 months	03/05/1979	09/04/1981	Elected at general election	25/03/1952	Loughborough	Conservative
Bobby Sands	[1] 27 years 1 month	09/04/1981	05/05/1981	Elected at by-election	09/03/1954	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Anti H-Block
Stephen Dorrell	[2] 29 years 2 months	05/05/1981	20/08/1981	Death of previously youngest MP	25/03/1952	Loughborough	Conservative
Owen Carron	[1] 28 years 3 months	20/08/1981	13/05/1983	^ Elected at by-election	01/03/1953	Fermanagh and South Tyrone	Anti H-Block
Charles Kennedy	23 years 7 months	09/06/1983	12/03/1987	Elected at general election	25/11/1959	Ross, Cromarty and Skye	Social Democrat
Matthew Taylor	24 years 2 months	12/03/1987	08/04/1997	^ Elected at by-election	03/01/1963	Truro	Liberal
Christopher Leslie	24 years 11 months	01/05/1997	22/06/2000	Elected at general election	28/06/1972	Shipley	Labour
David Lammy	27 years 11 months	22/06/2000	18/09/2003	Elected at by-election	19/07/1972	Tottenham	Labour
Sarah Teather	29 years 3 months	18/09/2003	11/04/2005	^ Elected at by-election	01/06/1974	Brent East	Liberal Democrat
Jo Swinson	25 years 3 months	05/05/2005	24/07/2009	Elected at general election	05/02/1980	East Dunbartonshire	Liberal Democrat
Chloe Smith	27 years 2 months	24/07/2009	12/04/2010	^ Elected at by-election	17/05/1982	Norwich North	Conservative
Pamela Nash	25 years 11 months	06/05/2010	-	Elected at general election	24/06/1984	Airdrie and Shotts	Labour

Key:

[1] = Bobby Sands and Owen Carron were elected as Anti H-Block MPs and did not take their seats; For this reason Stephen Dorrell remained the youngest MP sitting in the House of Commons.

[2] = Became the youngest MP for a second time, on the death of Bobby Sands on 05 May 1981.

^Date of the dissolution of Parliament (MPs cease to be MPs at dissolution)

*Sources: Members Database; Members Names Service