

Silver fox Sly gives in to grey



Silver lining: Sylvester Stallone shows off his new all-grey look on Instagram, leaving behind his trademark dark locks

AS a star of the silver screen, Sylvester Stallone doesn't die easily.

Now the Rocky star has transformed his look – and decided not to dye at all.

Action hero Stallone, 73, has gone from dark hair with a hint of grey last November to a fully fledged silver fox now.

The Rambo legend, affectionately known

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by fans as Sly, showed off his grey locks and beard in an Instagram video as he said: 'Keep punching, my friend.'

The star has faced claims in the past that his locks are false as his hairline appears to

have got lower over the years. But the new image got the seal of approval from fans online who hailed it as 'beautiful'.

Stallone showed off the look on a dinner date with his third wife Jennifer Flavin, 51, in Hollywood on Tuesday. The father of five is gearing up for the launch of his debut solo art exhibition in New York.

1m children at back of queue for help with mental health

By **Steve Doughty**
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A MILLION children who need help for mental health problems get only a fraction of the money spent on adults, a watchdog said yesterday.

Only £1 in every ten of state spending meant to help those with difficulties goes on children, it said.

And the NHS appears far more concerned about adults, a report said.

The analysis by the Children's Commissioner for England found that on average the NHS spends £225 for each person in the country on mental health treatment for adults, but less than half of that, £92, for each child.

The Commissioner, Anne Longfield, said there was 'a chasm between what children need and what is being provided.'

'More children are seeking help for their mental health and the Government need to make sure that help is available. We are still a decade away from a decent mental health service for all children.'

She added: 'It is not clear whether national and local government and the NHS is facing up to the scale of problems. There is still no commitment to a counsellor in every school.'

Miss Longfield's report noted that around one in eight children in England aged between five and 19 – roughly a million – have mental problems serious enough to be medically diagnosed.

It said help for children with eating disorders has improved but nothing is being done for those with mild conditions that may get much worse later.

Senior schools must spend £5k on every pupil

SCHOOLS must spend a minimum amount on each pupil under a law unveiled by Boris Johnson last night.

Every secondary school will be told to spend at least £5,000 per pupil annually, while for primaries the limit will be £3,750 – rising to £4,000 next year.

For the first time, councils will be required by law to make sure every school gets the full amount of the minimum levels of funding pledged for each pupil, as set out by the Prime Minister during his first 100 days.

Previously, local authorities were not mandated to allocate school money this way, with many falling below the minimum funding for each pupil.

Mr Johnson said: 'Levelling up education is the key to helping every child reach their full potential.'

'We're guaranteeing the minimum level of funding for every pupil so that, with a top-class education, they can become innovators and trailblazers.'

'As we start a new chapter in our history, our younger generations will be front and centre of all that we do.'

Andrew in war of words with the FBI

Epstein police's 'several' attempts to quiz prince

By **Sam Greenhill**
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PRINCE Andrew and the FBI were locked in a furious war of words yesterday over whether he has ignored requests for help in the inquiry into paedophile Jeffrey Epstein.

The Duke of York's friends earlier claimed he would be happy to speak to US investigators but 'hasn't been approached yet'.

However, the Americans yesterday insisted that was untrue, claiming they had tried 'several' times to arrange an interview with Andrew about his friendship with Epstein.

The financier, 66, killed himself last year as he awaited trial on child sex abuse charges.

On Monday, New York attorney



ney Geoffrey Berman accused the prince of 'zero co-operation' in the Epstein investigation.

He gave a press conference outside Epstein's New York

mansion where Andrew had stayed and said the Queen's son had failed to keep his promise to help police probing 'co-conspirators'.

He claimed the FBI and US prosecutors had written to Andrew's lawyers seeking an interview but were snubbed.

On Tuesday an anonymous source close to the duke said 'nothing could be further from the truth' and stressed that Andrew, 59, was 'more than happy to talk to the FBI but he hasn't been approached by them yet'.

Yesterday, Mr Berman's office dismissed this claim, stressing the FBI had 'made several attempts to contact' Andrew's representatives.

Lawyers for some of the alleged victims of Epstein yesterday called on the duke to arrange an interview with the FBI immediately. Gloria Allred,

who represents five women, said: 'What else does Prince Andrew need? Does he need a gold-plated invitation delivered on a silver platter?'

'Rather than appearing to twist himself into a pretzel trying to come up with excuses to explain why the meeting with the FBI has not taken place, he should arrange a meeting ASAP, without conditions, without excuses and without delay.'

'It is time for him to put justice for Jeffrey Epstein's victims first and his apparent discomfort with being interviewed by the FBI last. Justice delayed is justice denied.'

Lisa Bloom, who represents another five women, said: 'I would assume requests have been made in writing. Let's see the receipts.'

Andrew has always strenuously denied knowing Epstein was sexually abusing girls.

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