

## Unprecedented workforce crisis in NHS with over 100,000 vacancies – Justin Madders

**Justin**

**Madders MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister**, responding to the latest NHS vacancy data, said:

"Theresa May

has overseen an unprecedented workforce crisis in our NHS, with over 100,000 vacancies across the system. These latest figures reveal in the starkest fashion how serious shortages have become, with new trainees put off from joining and existing nurses increasingly retiring early.

"Even in her

own backyard, the situation is desperate. Thames Valley managed to hire just five nurses for 1,957 advertised posts – just one in 400. On the day her own Foreign Secretary has called for emergency funding, Theresa May must get an urgent grip of this escalating chaos in our NHS."

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## Barbara Keeley responds to the rise in Mental Health Act detentions

**Barbara**

**Keeley MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Mental Health**, commenting on the rise in Mental Health Act detentions, said:

"There is no

doubt that severe Tory cuts to the community services that intervene before people's mental health reaches crisis point, alongside cuts to other local treatments have contributed massively to the rise in detentions.

"The Tories

have undone improvements seen under the last Labour Government in reducing detentions, achieved by building teams to intervene early in cases of psychosis and by providing crisis and home resolution treatment.

"It's time

the Tories faced up to the damage they have done to mental health services and immediately invest in and ring-fence mental health budgets, as Labour has pledged.”

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## Lucas slams 'brass neck Boris' over NHS Intervention



Green Party

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Caroline Lucas, the co-leader of the Green Party, has slammed ‘brass neck Boris’ for his stance on the NHS. Lucas called Johnson’s intervention ‘self-aggrandising of the worst kind’ and pointed to his role in damaging the NHS [1].

Caroline Lucas said:

“It seems that brass neck Boris has struck again. Not only does this brexiteer-in-chief keep repeating lies about mythical savings from leaving the EU, but now he’s trying to position himself as a saviour of the NHS after his party’s extreme brexit stance has caused EU nurses to leave the UK in droves.

“The crisis in the NHS is the fault of the Conservative Party. For Boris to suddenly chime in with platitudes for the health service he’s playing a part in dismantling is self-aggrandising of the worst kind.”

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[1] For example the number of nurses and midwives coming to work in Britain from Europe has plunged by 89% since the UK voted to leave the EU.

The sharp fall coincided with a sudden increase in qualified European medics leaving the Nursing and Midwifery Council’s (NMC) register: from 2,435 in

2015-16 to 4,067 in the last year – a rise of 67%.

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