

Barbara Keeley responds to the rise in Mental Health Act detentions

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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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