

Imran Hussain responds to the Prison Inspector's report into HMP Berwyn

Imran Hussain MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Minister, responding to the Prison Inspector's report into HMP Berwyn, said:

"These problems are a direct consequence of brutal staff and budget cuts made by the Tories and, in Coalition, by the Lib Dems.

"Sadly, there are many other prisons also suffering from this staffing crisis. The number of frontline prison officers who have resigned has more than tripled since the Coalition government began, and that's left our prison staff, prisoners and the public vulnerable.

"This crisis is the government's fault, and it must end it fast. We need a retention strategy to end the exodus of experienced staff in our prisons. That's the only way to make sure everyone is safe. You can't keep people safe on the cheap."