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**MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Minister for Mental Health**, commenting on the Government's record on Mental Health, following Jeremy Hunt's appearance on the Andrew Marr show, said:

"Jeremy Hunt's remarks bear no resemblance to the reality of our mental health services; the Tory Government's record on mental health has been dismal.

"Mental health nurse numbers have fallen, more than a quarter of CCGs underspent their mental health budgets for 2016/17 and some children are waiting as long as eighteen months to be treated.

"The Tories will not be taken seriously on mental health unless they invest more in services and ring-fence budgets, as Labour pledged to do at the General Election."