

Jonathan Ashworth responds to news that three more trusts have been put into financial special measures

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Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, commenting on news that three more trusts have been put into financial special measures by NHS Improvement, said:

"The Government's inept mismanagement of the NHS is pushing hospital finances to the brink. NHS Providers have already warned this week that delivering services within the current financial settlement is "mission impossible". The news today that another three hospital trusts have been forced into financial special measures just illustrates the deepening financial challenge facing the health service.

"Theresa May can't keep on forcing hospitals to choose between balancing the books and providing safe patient care. By underfunding the NHS for so long, the Prime Minister is putting patients at risk. The Government needs to set out a long-term, sustainable financial settlement for the NHS which allows hospitals to provide the top quality health services which Britain's patients expect."