

Justin Madders responds to Care Quality Commission's decision to suspend routine inspections

Justin Madders MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister, responding to the Care Quality Commission's decision to suspend routine inspections because of winter pressures, said:

"Another day, another example of Tory failure to suitably prepare our NHS for the predictable winter spike in demand. This incredibly serious decision must act as a wakeup call to a Government which remains in denial over the worst winter crisis on record.

"Gaining a full picture of winter pressures is critically important and the CQC's decision leaves a serious deficit of quality regulation.

"Coming off the back of the cancellation of 55,000 elective operations, Ministers must now back Labour's call for immediate additional funding to stabilise this appalling winter crisis."