

Mixed sex wards are now at their highest level for six years – Jonathan Ashworth

Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, responding to the latest data on mixed sex ward breaches, said:

"In 2012 Jeremy Hunt said mixed sex wards had been "virtually eliminated". The fact that mixed sex wards are now at their highest level for six years reveals a bigger picture of overcrowded and overstretched hospitals as a result of Tory underfunding and mismanagement.

"Yet again we see patients cruelly let down by Theresa May. Ministers simply cannot carry on burying their heads in the sand about the scale of the problems facing the NHS. In the Budget, Theresa May must match Labour's pledge to deliver an extra £6 billion for our NHS across the next financial year to ensure the best possible quality of care is sustained for years to come."