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Justin Madders MP, Labour’s Shadow Health Minister, commenting on the 22 per cent rise in the use of private ambulances over two years, said:

“The rise in the use of private ambulances is a sign of the unsustainable demands which this Conservative Government is making on the NHS.

“A&E pressures are causing queues outside hospitals, while a chronic shortage of paramedics is stretching services even thinner. Across the country ambulance staff are working round the clock to do their best for patients.

“Ministers need to make sure that all ambulance crews, in every part of the country, are properly staffed and resourced. The Government should provide funding to get the best outcomes for NHS patients, not spend all this money on private companies.”