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Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, responding to a new British Medical Journal report revealing a new wave of NHS postcode rationing, said:

"The Conservative Government's underfunding and neglect of the health service is causing misery for patients and making it harder to access routine NHS treatments.

"This new BMJ research reveals that thousands more patients are being turned down for treatment every year. Across the country services which were previously easily available are now being rationed because of the Tory funding squeeze.

"Behind every one of these statistics is a patient and their family waiting longer in pain and suffering because of this Government's scandalous undermining of the NHS.

"Only Labour has a plan to give the NHS the funding it needs so that patients across the country can get quick access to the treatments and medical support that they need."