

The crisis in our prisons has been created by the disastrous policies of the Conservative Government – Richard Burgon

Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, responding to comments made by the President of the Prison Governors Association, said:

"The President of the Prison Governors Association today confirmed the deep crisis in our prisons. Her members are understandably devastated by the decline of their service. This crisis has been created by the disastrous policies of the Conservative Government. Prison officer numbers have been slashed while overcrowding has risen.

"Last week it was announced that violence in our prisons was at record levels. This week we have seen riots in The Mount and Erlestoke prisons. The situation cannot be allowed to continue. Prisoners are not being rehabilitated and this is putting the public at risk. Only a Labour government will provide the investment, staff and attention needed to end the prisons crisis the Conservatives created and are failing to resolve."