

The prison crisis is a stark example of failure by the Conservative government – Richard Burgon

Richard Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Justice, responding to the latest Ministry of Justice statistics, said:

“The crisis in our prisons is a stark example of failure by the Conservative government. Violence and assaults on staff are now at record levels. This has resulted in a failure to rehabilitate prisoners, meaning the system is failing to keep the public safe.

“We have also seen record numbers of prisoners being released by mistake. With staff over worked and underpaid it is hardly surprising that our prisons are in such a desperate state.

“The public and those who work in our prisons deserve better.”