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Justin Madders MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister, commenting on news that the Government have abandoned the sale of NHS Professionals, said:

"This is a major u-turn on a misguided policy from a Government with no solution to the workforce crisis in the NHS. Ministers tried to push through a sale behind closed doors but have been forced to abandon their plans in the face of wide opposition from NHS staff and patients.

"This is an effective and successful public body which saves the taxpayer around £70m a year on the Government's own estimates, by ensuring hospitals don't have to rely on expensive private staffing agencies.

"At a time when the Government says it wants to cut back the use of temporary workers it is staggering that proposals for a sale got this far. Ministers have major questions to answer about why they tried to sell off this successful public body and how much money has been wasted in this process which could have been spent on patient care instead."