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Richard Burgon, Labour's Shadow Justice

Secretary, commenting on HM Chief Inspector of Prisons' Annual Report for 2016-17, said:

"This report makes it clear that the crisis in our prisons is getting worse by the day.

"Our prisons are becoming ever more dangerous for prisoners and staff alike. Assaults on staff are up by over a third and it is a stain on the nation that not a single young offenders institute inspected was deemed safe.

"The Conservative Government's failure to get a grip of this crisis, including dropping prison reform from the Queen's Speech, is making it more difficult to turn prisoner's lives around and to reduce risk to the public.

"Drastic Conservative cuts to prison budgets and staff numbers are driving this prisons crisis. Labour would tackle it by recruiting thousands of new prisons officers and increasing staff retention by improving terms and conditions."