

# Jonathan Ashworth response to the National Audit Office's report on sustainability and transformation in the NHS

**Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary**, commenting on the National Audit Office's report on sustainability and transformation in the NHS, said:

"The NAO's report confirms the Government's flawed and wholly inadequate approach to the sustainable, long term funding of the NHS. Ministers have failed to increase per head spending in real terms each year, a key election promise, and there are still no details of a long overdue pay rise for NHS staff.

"Our NHS is in crisis. Years of underinvestment culminated in December 2017 being the worst month on record for A&E performance and elective operations being cancelled until the end of January. Targets are being missed and in-year cash injections are not improving the financial performances of Trusts.

"Unlike the Tories, Labour outlined a costed long term plan for funding the NHS. Labour will give our NHS an extra £6 billion a year to ensure that our NHS remains a world class service for all."

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