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Caroline Lucas, the co-leader of the Green Party, has slammed 'brass neck Boris' for his stance on the NHS. Lucas called Johnson's intervention 'self-aggrandising of the worst kind' and pointed to his role in damaging the NHS [1].

#### Caroline Lucas said:

"It seems that brass neck Boris has struck again. Not only does this brexiteer-in-chief keep repeating lies about mythical savings from leaving the EU, but now he's trying to position himself as a saviour of the NHS after his party's extreme brexit stance has caused EU nurses to leave the UK in droves.

"The crisis in the NHS is the fault of the Conservative Party. For Boris to suddenly chime in with platitudes for the health service he's playing a part in dismantling is self-aggrandising of the worst kind."

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[1] For example the number of nurses and midwives coming to work in Britain from Europe has plunged by 89% since the UK voted to leave the EU.

The sharp fall coincided with a sudden increase in qualified European medics leaving the Nursing and Midwifery Council's (NMC) register: from 2,435 in 2015-16 to 4,067 in the last year — a rise of 67%.

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