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reveals “shocking” impact of cold snap with 27% increase in patients stuck in ambulances for over an hour

Labour’s

analysis of the latest weekly winter data (4 December to 10 December) released

today by NHS England reveals almost 2,500 patients were stuck in ambulances for

over an hour in just one week.

Labour’s

analysis of the latest NHS England combined performance data also reveals a shocking 62% increase in the number of patients waiting longer than 18 weeks for operations in just seven years.

Jonathan

Ashworth MP, Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary, responding to the latest NHS Weekly Winter and Monthly Combined Performance statistics, said:

“Last

week’s cold snap demonstrated once again the crisis facing our NHS this winter

and Government inaction will only make the challenge facing the NHS that much harder.

“Patients

will be deeply concerned that despite the heroic efforts of our brilliant NHS staff, there was a shocking 27% increase in the number of patients stuck for over an hour in the back of an ambulance in just one week.

“Despite

the pressures which all frontline NHS staff were warning of, the winter fund announced in the Budget has still not been fully allocated to struggling Trusts. Patients expect ministers to urgently get a grip.”