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**Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Health**, commenting on the CQC's State of Hospitals report, said:

"The CQC's stark warning that our NHS stands on a 'burning platform' must be at the forefront of the Chancellor's priorities ahead of next week's Budget.

"Our hardworking and stretched NHS staff cannot be expected to pick up the pieces from this Government's failure to properly fund our NHS and social care system.

"After the worst winter crisis in years, in which nine out of ten hospitals were left dangerously overcrowded, the public expects urgent action to rectify years of damaging Tory neglect."