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Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, commenting on the Howard League for Penal Reform's response to a joint inspection report of Medway secure training centre, said:

"This damning report is a sharp reminder that the prisons crisis remains unchecked.

"The new Justice Secretary must act quickly and explain how he is going to fix prisons and secure training centres which are violent and unsafe.

"The public is less safe as a result of seven years of Tory prison mismanagement.

"The next Labour Government will recruit 3,000 extra prison officers to improve safety and end the understaffing."