

[“Unacceptable level” of pressure on nursing staff – Ashworth](#)

Jonathan Ashworth, Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary, responding to the Royal College of Nursing’s new “Against the Odds” report, said:

“Seven years of Tory mismanagement and underfunding has placed an unacceptable level of pressure on nursing staff to keep NHS services running.

“The Government is constantly asking NHS workers to do more with less, and over 70 per cent of nurses surveyed by the RCN have said their last shift had unsafe numbers of staff. This is a threat to the quality of care which patients can expect to receive.

“At the election Labour promised to bring in a new law to guarantee safe staffing levels in hospitals. Ministers must step up and explain what action they’re going to take to get enough nurses in place to keep services for patients running safely.”

[Fundamental concerns raised about the Government’s repeal bill – Matthew Pennycook](#)

Matthew Pennycook MP, Shadow Brexit Minister, commenting on the House of Lords’ Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee report on the EU Withdrawal Bill, said:

“This report raises fundamental concerns about the Government’s repeal bill.

“Britain voted to take back control, but the truth is this bill represents an unprecedented power-grab by Tory ministers. Parliament risks becoming a mere spectator while the Government is given sweeping new powers over people’s everyday lives.

“It’s time for Theresa May to change approach. She should scrap this bill and introduce new legislation that respects the referendum and enhances, rather than undermines, British

democracy.”

[Under the Tories, our roads have become more dangerous – Andy McDonald](#)

Andy McDonald MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Transport, responding to the Government’s road casualty statistics, said:

“The latest road casualty statistics make for chilling reading with the number of road deaths at a five year high and serious life changing injuries up by nine per cent.

“Labour made significant progress on road safety, but the Tories scrapped road safety targets and allowed our roads to become more dangerous.

“The underfunding of police forces has meant there are a third fewer dedicated traffic police than a decade ago, making enforcement less effective. Labour will reintroduce road safety targets and increase police numbers as part of an ambitious strategy striving for zero deaths on our roads.”

[Urgent breakthrough needed to move Brexit discussions on – Keir Starmer](#)

Keir Starmer MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, commenting on the latest round of Brexit negotiations, said:

“Any movement towards breaking the deadlock in Brexit negotiations is welcome, but the reality is that this should have happened months ago. Instead, the summer has been wasted by Cabinet infighting and the Prime Minister’s inflexibility on key issues such as the European Court of Justice.

“It looks highly likely that the October deadline for concluding the first phase of talks will be missed.

“This poses a real risk to the British economy and

continuing uncertainty for EU and UK citizens.

"Both sides need urgently to work towards a breakthrough that can move discussions on to how Britain forges a strong, progressive partnership with the EU for the future."

[The Conservatives are yesterday's party – Jon Trickett](#)

Jon Trickett MP, Labour's Shadow Cabinet Office Minister, commenting on Theresa May's speech, said:

"Today's speech told us two things. First, Theresa May knows the economy isn't working for most people but won't do anything about it. Instead they give tax breaks to the few at the top while working people are worse off. Second, the Conservatives have no new thinking and no answers to the challenge and opportunities facing our country. They are yesterday's party."