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Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, responding to reports in today's Financial Times that the NHS is facing a £100m agency bill to boost GP numbers, said:

# "This

is yet another example of the Government's financial mismanagement of our NHS and their lack of action when it comes to the GP workforce.

# "Under

the Tories, general practice is being stretched to breaking point, and patients are being let down as a result.

# "This

Government needs to come up with a workable plan for boosting the number of GPs

and investing in frontline services, otherwise under the Tories, more and more

taxpayers' cash will be spent on expensive agency bills."