

STAND WITH NHS STAFF

PROTECT THE NHS & SECURE SAFE CARE FOR ALL



The NHS is facing its worst ever crisis - a perfect storm of chronic underfunding, staff shortages, and Covid has brought it to breaking point. Patients are currently being harmed as a direct consequence of under-staffing and government policies, and staff are struggling to deliver the quality of care they strive for every day.

- **7.1 million people on hospital waiting lists** - 1 million waiting for non-hospital care
- **Patients dying due to lack of hospital beds** (22,000 cut over past 10 years)
- **132,000 NHS staff vacancies**, together with 175,000 vacancies in social care
- **20% fall in real pay for all staff** in the last ten years
- **NHS underfunded by an estimated £40 billion** each year over past decade
- **Buildings in need of repair** - 34 are in danger of collapse

These facts reveal a government which has **DELIBERATELY** underfunded our NHS, while a quarter of hospitals have set up food banks for nurses.

No wonder that staff at breaking point have felt they have no choice but to strike. Only three years ago, the government urged us to stand on our doorsteps and applaud while these same staff risked their lives during the pandemic. But claps don't pay the bills. The NHS cannot be saved if staff are underpaid and overworked. Money for proper staff pay and to save our NHS could be found if there was the political will to do so. We stand with all NHS staff forced to take strike action and urge you to do the same.

You can directly help by:

- **joining picket lines**
- **displaying posters, stickers, badges in support of our NHS staff**
- **write to your MP demanding fair pay for staff**

