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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 previous governments' policies, and staff are struggling to deliver the quality of care they strive for.

- -7.6 million cases 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)
- 100,000 NHS staff vacancies, with 152,000 vacancies in adult 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
- A quarter of hospitals have foodbanks for nurses

These facts reveal the dire state of our NHS as a result of decades of underfunding and privatisation.

No wonder that staff at breaking point have felt they have no choice but to strike. Only four 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 NHS staff - writing to your MP demanding fair pay for staff

