

One patient every 45mins is hurt by stressed medics

Record number of mistakes in NHS due to staff shortages & exhausted workers

TOUGH TIMES
Doctors and nurses are struggling



EXCLUSIVE
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ONE patient is injured by over-worked medics every 45 minutes.

The number of people needing treatment after botched procedures rose four fold in a decade, to record levels. Nearly 12,000 patients needed follow-up treatment in 2018/19, figures uncovered by the Mirror show.

This was due to "an unintentional cut, puncture, perforation or haemorrhage during surgical and medical care". It comes as the NHS has 100,000 staff vacancies.

NHS Digital statistics show that 11,929 patients last year had treatment for errors by medics, up from 10,481 the year before.

Hospital staff also reported more than 200 incidents of a "foreign object accidentally left in body" and more than 100 cases of a "failure in dosage". Shadow Health Secretary Jon Ashworth said:

Tories are now risking patients' safety with NHS cuts

JON ASHWORTH ON THE ERRORS MADE BY MEDICS

"Mistakes impacting patient safety and well-being happen when exhausted staff are overstretched and overworked."

"Years of Tory NHS cash squeezes, and failures to recruit nurses and doctors, is now putting patient safety at severe risk. It's time ministers got a grip and put patients' safety first."

Prof Neil Mortensen, of the Royal College of Surgeons, said: "It is impossible to rule out all risk."

The Department of Health and Social Care said: "Our new Patient Safety Strategy commits to a series of actions to reduce the risks of human error."

Ambulance workers are suffering from "epidemic" levels of stress, amid unrealistic targets and excessive workloads, a survey of 550 Unite union members found. Over half said they suffer anxiety, while many said they are traumatised by their work.

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'Overcharging' US medical firm paid its three UK bosses £20m

EXCLUSIVE BY JASON BEATTIE
BOSSSES of a drugs firm accused of trying to overcharge the NHS for vital medicines have made millions in pay and perks.

US giant Vertex was criticised by Jeremy Corbyn this week for wanting to charge the NHS £104,000 a year per patient for cystic fibrosis drug Orkambi.

Mr Corbyn raised the case of sufferer Luis Walker, nine, whose life would be transformed if the

SUFFERER Luis Walker



NHS could afford to buy the drug for him.

Accounts show the three UK directors earned nearly £20million between them in pay, bonuses and shares in two years.

The firm said negotiations with the Government were ongoing.

It said: "In the absence of an agreement, Vertex will continue to provide free medicines to patients who are the most seriously ill."

"These medicines have supported more than 1,000 patients across the UK."

No case after wheel death

A MUM has been told no charges will be brought against a driver whose wheel flew off and killed her daughter.

Amelia Wood, 11, was hit by the wheel of a modified Land Rover yards from her home in March, 2018.

Her family are appealing the Crown Prosecution Service decision following the crash in Manby, Lincs.

Mum Hayley Hodson said: "It is disgusting because we were told they could not bring enough evidence to prosecute."

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