

There is a reason why some NHS services are failing: it...

Published: January 21, 2026, 3:59 am

The Guardian [reports this morning that](#):

The largest private provider of NHS out-of-hours GP services is facing allegations by senior doctors that its service in London is so short-staffed it is regularly unsafe.

There is a reason why this is happening. It's called money. And it's called a total lack of understanding on the part of government and private companies that health services are nothing like supermarkets and that those who have to provide them 24 hours a day have to be very well cared for themselves if society is going to get the service it needs.

But that understanding does not exist. And we all pay the price as a result.