

The NHS in England is not being allowed to recruit new ...

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The [Health Service Journal](#) reported yesterday that:

NHS England has told many trusts and systems they are not allowed to increase their staffing establishment in the next 12 months.

This is quite extraordinary.

The NHS is in crisis.

There are massive waiting lists.

There are at least 10% staff vacancies.

Stress levels amongst those working for the NHS are through the roof.

But the NHS is being told by the government not to recruit any more staff.

It is as if the government does not want to sort problems in the NHS.

One might almost think they want another major medical crisis within it, directly caused by understaffing.

It's even plausible that ministers might be indifferent to the suffering of those in the NHS and amongst those it serves.

And all this is because very obviously balancing the books is much more important than doing anything to help real people live their lives as well as possible.

There are moments when swearing is virtually all we can do. But I will restarting myself. What the flip is going on here? If this is not the sign of a broken society, what is?

And I will repeat, yet again, [that the money could be found](#). That means that this imposition of hardship is entirely by choice.