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Labour accuses Conservatives of being irresponsible over Health Reforms

Kathryn Smith, Labour's Parliamentary candidate for Gravesham, has defended Government proposals for establishing polyclinics and described comments in a recent press release by Adam Holloway as 'irresponsible'.

Kathryn Smith said:

"Polyclinics do not threaten GP surgeries. They will provide a range of care services, including doctors, social workers, nurses and physiotherapists.

Traditionally many of these services have been carried out in hospitals. Now patients will be able to visit local polyclinics for services such as diabetes treatment, diagnostic tests and minor surgery.

The local Health Trust will be able to work with all GPs to design a service, which meets the needs of the community. It is not true that polyclinics will undermine continuity of care because patients will still be able to regularly see one GP at a polyclinic."

She described the attack as 'typical' of Conservatives, who have opposed every reform and investment in the NHS. "It is not acceptable to scare vulnerable people about the health and social services they rely on. I am surprised that Adam Holloway has been so irresponsible."

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