

# Private healthcare firms must not 'profiteer from distress' over NHS bed requisition



**GMB, the union for NHS and ambulance workers, said private hospital beds should be taken back, rent-free to ease COVID-19 pressure.**

**It comes amid reports** the Prime Minister is ordering the NHS to spend up to £2.4million a day on private beds during the coronavirus crisis.



The union, [which has launched a petition on the Prime Minister to requisition beds](#), said the public health emergency requires the requisition of private resources for the public good.

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**Rehana Azam, GMB National Secretary said:**

"It's time to take back these beds for the NHS. Rent-free.

"This is a public health emergency. Not a business opportunity for shoddy private healthcare chums to profiteer from distress.

"Not a penny of taxpayer cash should line pockets of grotesquely wealthy health firms. Private resources must be requisitioned for public good."

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