

# **Petition calls for law on hospital staffing levels**

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The ver.di services union has launched a petition to the German parliament calling for legislation to set staffing levels in hospitals. The union argues that healthworkers are stressed and overworked because of the serious shortfall in staff. It estimates that an additional 162000 healthworkers need to be taken on and that in terms of staff:patient ratios Germany is one of the worst performers in Europe.

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