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‘The worst conditions in memory’: NHS doctors describe a week in A&E (Guardian, Jan. 2017)

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230 patients wait over 12 hours in A&E amid beds dispute (HSJ, Jan. 2017)

Theresa May urged to get a grip on NHS as winter crisis spirals (Guardian, Jan. 2017)

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