Writing Part 1

You have seen the results of the survey below in an online magazine that deals with medical issues. Write an article for the magazine, giving your own views on how all these elements might impact on patients' safety. Write between 200 – 250 words.

According to a survey conducted recently, healthcare, like other sectors of society, has been affected by the recession. Consequently, it has taken its toll on patients and communities.
Here are the results of our investigation:

Staffing: hospital staff laid off or hours cut, bringing staff-to-patient ratios to dangerous levels
Equipment costs: requests previously approved now often denied, leaving some outdated technology in place
Provision of services: clinics forced to close, and hours of in-hospital pharmacies reduced