



Summary of Scottish Party Manifestos 2021 Elections

This briefing offers an overview of the health offers of each main party in Scotland as well as insights into other priority areas that will impact on people’s health and wellbeing.

Party	Offer
SNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase frontline NHS spending by at least 20% to support and renew NHS as it recovers from Covid-19. • Increase funding of frontline services by over £2.5 billion. • Establish a new National Care Service, and increase investment in social care by 25%. • Implement an NHS recovery plan to restore paused services, ensure urgent care is delivered swiftly, catch up on treatments that have had to be delayed, and bring waiting times back within targets. • Implement a fair, negotiated pay rise for Scotland’s NHS Agenda for Change staff, offering a 4% increase on average, with the lowest paid staff set to benefit by a minimum of £1000 a year. • Invest £10 billion over the next decade to renew the NHS estate and reshape and replace buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including delivering a new Monklands Hospital, renewing the East of Scotland Cancer Centre and enhancing primary care facilities around the country. • Support the new NHS Centre for Sustainable Delivery to pioneer and deliver new, better and more sustainable ways of working across the NHS and social care, and fully harness the benefits of technology and new treatments. • Develop MyNHS, a safe, simple and secure app that will help people access services directly and own their own health information. • Invest a further £100 million over the course of the next parliament to open a further two elective and diagnostic care centres, on top of the seven centres already open or under development. • Scrap all non-residential social care charges for those who need support. • Introduce a new, fair National Wage for Care staff and introduce national pay bargaining for the sector for the first time. • Invest £250 million over the next five years to tackle the drugs death emergency, supporting further investment in a range of community-based interventions, quicker access to treatment and an expansion of residential rehabilitation. • Abolish NHS dentistry charges and protect free prescriptions. • Increase the direct investment into mental health services by at least 25% and ensure that, by the end of the parliament, 10% of our frontline NHS budget will be invested in mental health. • Implement a Women’s Health Plan to improve care and reduce health inequalities for women and girls.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a NHS National Pharmaceutical Agency to ensure secure and sustainable supply chains for vital medicines, and support investment in cutting edge vaccine and medicines research. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin work to deliver a minimum income guarantee - a social welfare system that ensures everyone has enough money to live on, but gives additional support to those who need it such as for childcare or disability • Double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per child per week and give families with children in receipt of free school meals a cash grant of £520 until the programme is fully rolled out • Publish a new four-year delivery plan to lift children out of poverty, backed by a £50m fund • Explore the transition to a four-day-week with a £10m fund to allow companies to pilot and measure its benefits • Invest an additional £50m over the next parliamentary term to end homelessness and rough sleeping • Invest £3.5bn to deliver 100,000 affordable homes by 2032 • Support communities to become 20-minute neighbourhoods
Conservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase annual NHS funding by at least £2bn by 2025-26, based on current estimates • Increase medical school training in line with future need, prioritising people who live in Scotland • Invest at least 11% of the overall NHS budget into general practice by the end of the next Parliament • Increase mental health funding to 10% of the frontline health budget • Ask the Drugs Death Taskforce to publish a comprehensive review into the provision of drug treatment and recovery services before the end of the year • Maintain local democratic accountability of the social care system and avoid structural reforms <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use devolved powers to target "specific" groups in receipt of the UK government's £20 per week increase to Universal Credit • Free school lunches and breakfasts for all children in primary school • Increase the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per week • Introduce a taper rate to the Carer Allowance so that carers do not lose all of their allowance if they earn more than the limit • End rough sleeping by 2026 by investing £10.8m in a Housing First programme • Create a government-owned company to give disabled people work experience and skills to help them secure long-term employment • Build 60,000 new affordable homes with 40,000 of these in the social rented sector • Invest £50m in the Rural Housing Fund • £2.5bn over the next five years on energy efficiency in homes and buildings • Introduce Compulsory Sales Orders for long-term unoccupied properties in Scotland

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban the use of combustible cladding in Scotland • Permanently increase the threshold for paying Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (LBTT) to £250,000
Labour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find missing cancer diagnoses with a catch-up initiative across screening programmes to clear the backlog of appointments by the end of 2021/22 • Establish Rapid Diagnostic Centres so patients can have a diagnosis within two weeks • Improve access to mental health support with a new referral and triage service and ensure GPs have dedicated mental health workers • Increase the mental health budget to 11% of the NHS budget, to match spending in England and Wales, and establish dedicated mental health A&Es in every health board area • Set up baby clubs to support mums of babies born during the pandemic, offer an extra health visitor visit at 18 months, ensure women have adequate help to breastfeed and offer support to women with post-natal depression • Put in place a long-term pay deal for staff that addresses historic underfunding and low pay for NHS workers and carers • Deliver a national care service <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the Scottish Child Payment to £20 a week by the end of 2022 • Abolish the council tax and replace it with a fairer alternative based on property values and ability to pay • A guaranteed public sector job for six months for every unemployed person under 25, unemployed disabled people not already on a job scheme, and the long-term unemployed • A training guarantee offer for everyone on the Jobs for Recovery scheme with 20% of their time dedicated to developing skills and seeking their next job • Create a new £500 retraining grant for people who are unemployed or on furlough, without affecting existing payments, and an extra £750 in income support for unemployed people in training. • Bring shoppers back to town centres with a £75 prepaid card to every adult in Scotland to be spent in non-food retail businesses • Roll out government-funded subsidies for holiday accommodation across Scotland, giving tourists every third night of accommodation free on off-peak dates • Build 200,000 zero-carbon social homes over 10 years, with parity of grant funding between councils, co-operatives and housing associations • Reform the law to allow for the acquisition of land for social housing at existing use • Value and use development gain to finance essential infrastructure • Create a National Housing Agency to end the housing crisis for good

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guarantee fair rents and improve tenants' rights in the private rented sector • Supporting people to own their own home, with specific support for young people and first-time buyers • End rough sleeping within the next five years
Greens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit at least 11% of health spending to general practice by the end of the next Parliament • Introduce "safe and compassionate" laws that allow terminally ill adults the right to an assisted death • Give 10% of frontline health spend to mental health and put £161m into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services by 2026 • End competitive tendering in the care system • Provide free access to sport and physical activity for children and young people • Remove the rule that two doctors must approve abortions and retain the provision for abortions at home introduced during the pandemic <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per week • Develop a system of Universal Basic Income • A job guarantee for 16-24 year olds • New £5,000 Scottish Training Bonds to help people change careers • Housing • Move one million homes to zero emission heating - from mains gas to heat pumps - by 2030 • Build 60,000 affordable homes to help address homelessness • Help to Renovate loans to bring derelict homes back into use • Scale up investment in energy efficiency and low carbon heating with an initial five-year programme that will improve 80,000 homes per year
Liberal Democrats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bigger range of specialists, diagnosis and treatment in local communities • A target of 15% of new health spending going to mental health and train more mental health specialists, including a grant of £5,000 for students undertaking counselling courses • Treat drug abuse as a health problem rather than prosecuting those who experience it • Promote preventative health to take the pressure off the NHS • National standards and fair pay for all social care staff <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per week • Develop a system of Universal Basic Income • A job guarantee for 16-24 year olds



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