

2024 Conservative and Labour Manifestos



The two manifestos set out each party's vision and core commitments to improve health services

Conservative Party Manifesto 2024¹

- The Conservatives set out a series of plans that includes a **plan to deliver better health and social care**
- This plan points towards **bold action** to deliver **92,000 more nurses and 28,000 more doctors than in 2023**
- The manifesto highlights the record levels of investment since 2010 and a commitment to continue to **increase NHS spending above inflation** in each year of the next parliament
- Future funding will support **recovery from the pandemic**, delivering **safe and effective services**, and **ongoing improvements in waiting times** for primary, elective, cancer and emergency care
- There is a wholehearted and unequivocal apology for the **infected blood scandal** and commitment to accept the inquiry and associated compensation

Labour Party Manifesto 2024²

- Building a fit for the future NHS is one of **Labour's five missions to rebuild Britain**
- The mission sets the ambition to ensure people live longer by **preventing ill health** in the first place, supporting people with **long-term conditions**, and **tackling the biggest killers** (cancer, cardiovascular disease and suicide)
- Future models must be geared towards **delivering early intervention** locally, **harnessing AI** to improve accuracy and speed, and **embedding prevention**
- One of their **six first steps** aims to get a grip on waiting lists and commits to **40,000 more appointments every week** through incentives, out of hours work and use of the independent sector

They each commit to a range of actions which we have categorised for comparison



Prevention and public health

Publish and implement a **Major Conditions Strategy** to prevent most common health conditions; bring forward **Tobacco and Vapes bill**; **restrict advertising** of high fat/sugar/salt foods



Prevention and public health

'Opt-out' **smoking cessation** as routine care and restrict vapes; ban **advertising junk food** to children; build on the Online Safety Act and reform gambling regulation to **protect mental health**



Health inequalities

NHS Constitution to reflect **needs of coastal / rural** populations and **recognise sex**; action plan to **end HIV transmissions by 2030**; bring forward **national strategy for maternity care**



Health inequalities

Halve gap in life expectancy between richest and poorest; close the Black and Asian **maternal mortality gap**; modernise **discriminatory MH legislation**; action plan to **end HIV cases by 2030**



Delivering care closer to home

Expand **Pharmacy First** to free up 20m GP appts; extend **patients' right to choose** and roll out access second opinion; expand **Mental Health Support Teams** and create **CYP hubs**



Delivering care closer to home

Train thousands of GPs and return the **family doctor**; create a **Community Pharmacist Prescribing Service** and widen referral routes; trial **Nbrhood Health Centres** and **Young Futures Hubs**



Workforce

Commit to the **long-term workforce plan**; boost **dental** training places by 40%, reform contract and encourage rural / coastal working; **reduce number of managers** by 5,500



Workforce

Reset relations with staff; **deliver the long-term workforce plan** and additional 8,500 CYP MH staff; **reform the dental contract**; **Royal College of Clinical Leadership** to champion the clinical voice



Technology and capital

Deliver **40 new hospitals** by 2030; build or modernise **250 GP surgeries** and **50 more CDCs**; **£3.4bn in new technology** to improve **productivity** including NHS App, AI and hardware



Technology and capital

'Fit for the Future' fund to double CT and MRI scanners to enable prevention; **transform the NHS app** so patients can understand their choices; commit to deliver the **New Hospital Programme**



Life Sciences, Research and Innovation

Post-Brexit **agile regulation**; support trials for **Parkinson's and motor neurone**; remove obstacles to **new medicines** and align cost-effectiveness; implement new **med-tech pathway**



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An NHS **innovation and adoption strategy** covering procurement, incentives and regulatory approval; an ambition to be **world leading in clinical trials**, including in **dementia**

¹The Conservative and Unionist Party Manifesto 2024. [Link](#)

²Change. Labour Party Manifesto 2024. [Link](#)