

Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

Manifesto 2016

High level

This is being pitched as a manifesto for the main opposition.

It sets out an ambition for no increases in taxation above that in the rest of the UK and reductions 'when conditions allow'.

Opposition to a further referendum on independence.

Health Care

Propose a 'health guarantee' – ensuring the health budget rises annually by the highest out of inflation (undefined), 2% or Barnett Consequentials.

Reintroduction of prescription charges.

Invest in NHS capacity and staffing to reduce waiting times.

Pharmacies should be at heart of primary care – invest additional £10m p.a. in Minor Ailment Service.

Support moves to GP clusters with additional freedoms for GPs in them.

GP budget should be increased as should their share of the health budget.

Increase number of GP-attached health visitors by 500 more than SNP propose.

Support personal responsibility for health and wellbeing.

Support creation of network of recovery centres for people who are drunk and incapable who currently enter A&E. Link to alcohol dependency support services.

Improve system for notifying appointments, making bookings and cancellations easier.

Explore measures to allow health boards and GPs to levy fines for DNAs.

Improve information to patients to allow them to make informed choices about health.

Provide information on local health and social care services with council tax bills.

Need step change in mental health support – move towards parity of esteem between physical and mental health.

Mental Health

Next MH plan should be 10-year delivery plan.

£300m to be invested over Parly in improving mental health treatment – improve capacity and staffing, provision of MH support in every GP practice and A&E department.

Development of social prescribing networks and information to GPs on local services.

Increased support for dementia sufferers under 65.

Integrated Approach to Health and Social Care

Monitor integrated partnerships.

Explore whether devolved disability benefits should be devolved to health boards, local authorities or IJPs.

Support increasing Carers Allowance to same level as JSA.

Work with housing associations to address delayed discharge.

Support Partnership for Excellence in Palliative Support and the Transforming Care After Treatment programme.

Welfare system

SCUP suggest three main principles: primarily supporting the most vulnerable in society; flexible and personalised; give opportunities to work for those who can and want to.

Employability

Additional 10,000 apprenticeships p.a. by end of Parly

Additional 10 skills academies by end of Parly

Dedicated employability support for the disabled, halving disability employment gap (same as UK Gov target)

Sport

Ensure all pupils in last year of primary or early secondary school have one week's residential outdoor education.

Improve access to school facilities out of hours for community groups.

Oppose Offensive Behaviour at Football etc. Act.

Pilot controlled introduction of alcohol consumption at football.

Explore idea of financial incentives for top tier football clubs to play young Scottish players. Would include additional funding for community sporting benefits. Believe would particularly benefit communities with poorer health outcomes where many football clubs are located.

Fuel Poverty (same as SGP)

Recognise links between cold, damp houses and poorer health outcomes.

Introduce target to achieve transformative change in housing energy efficiencies across Scotland.

Energy efficiency budget increased to 10% of capital infrastructure investment by 2020/21 (£1bn over Parly)

Introduce reliefs on council tax, LBTT or business rates to incentivise energy efficiency investment.

Proposals with costs attached

Reversing cuts to music tuition

Reversing college cuts (£60m p.a.)

Expand minor ailment service (£10m p.a.)

Additional 500 health visitors

Create network of Recovery Centres

Publish annual statement summarising local health and social care services

Invest in NHS capacity and staffing

Increase GP funding

Investment in Mental Health support (£300m over Parly)

Financial incentives for top clubs to play young Scottish players

Commit to increasing energy efficiency budget to 10% of capital infrastructure investment (£1bn over Parly)

Introduce reliefs to incentivise energy efficiency investment.

Community Broadband (£5m p.a.)

Additional 10,000 apprenticeships p.a. by end of Parly

Additional 10 skills academies by end of Parly

Additional £5m for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets L.A. capital grants

International Development Fund increased to £10m p.a.

Additional revenue raising

Levy fines on DNAs

Reintroduction of prescription charges (£65m by end of Parly)

