

GENERAL ELECTION 2017

What will it mean for our NHS and healthcare system?



Introduction

With the general election imminent, this series of articles provides a summary of each of the leading party's key policies and promises in relation to the NHS and the UK's healthcare system.

Monday's article focussed on the NHS, whilst Tuesday's article focussed on the UK's wider healthcare system.

The focus of today's article is mental health.

MENTAL HEALTH

Labour	Liberal Democrats	Conservatives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ring-fence mental health budgets. ▶ Introduce Tobacco Control Plan that focusses on mental health issues and young smokers. ▶ Stop children being treated in adult mental health wards and stop out-of-area placements by 2019. ▶ Make England an 'autism-friendly' country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ring-fence a proportion of the £6 billion raised through the 1 pence rise in income tax for mental health. ▶ Maximum wait for anxiety and depression therapy will be 6 weeks. ▶ Increase access to talking-therapies as a more cost-effective treatment. ▶ Transform the support that pregnant women, new mothers and those who have suffered a miscarriage or still birth receive. ▶ End out-of-area placements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Amalgamate public, private and charitable investment to provide better treatment for all mental health conditions. ▶ Further investment of £1 billion by 2020/21 on top of the £11.4 billion they invested in 2016/17. ▶ Introduce new Mental Health Bill, the first in 35 years. ▶ Reform health and safety regulations - processes currently required from employers surrounding physical health be extended to mental health. ▶ Extend Equalities Act - protect against discrimination in regards to mental health conditions.

- ▶ Train one million members of the public in basic mental health awareness and first aid.
- ▶ Recruit 10,000 more mental health professionals.

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