











Political Party Manifestoes – Summary of issues affecting disabled people



Policy	 Conservatives	 Green Party	 Labour	 Liberal Democrats	 REFORM UK
Different formats of Manifesto	No.	Yes – Easy Read.	Yes – Easy Read to ‘follow’. Large Print. Braille available on request.	Yes. Easy Read. Clear Print & Braille version.	No.
Equal Treatment	<p>Ambition is to make the UK the most accessible place in the world for disabled people by delivering on the ‘Disability Action Plan’.</p> <p>Improve support for people who have guide or assistance dogs.</p>	End unfair targeting of carers and disabled people on benefits.	“Champion Rights” of disabled people with their views and voices at the heart of everything we do.	<p>Incorporate UNCRPD into UK Law.</p> <p>Increase use of BSL in government.</p>	<p>Scrap [Equality Act 2010]. Scrap all inclusion / equality and diversity roles.</p> <p>Leave the European Convention on Human Rights.</p> <p>Scrap all Diversity, Equality and Inclusion roles [in the police].</p>
Benefits	<p>Reform disability Benefits – assess whether treatment or support is better than monthly cash payments.</p> <p>Tougher sanctions for those who refuse to take up suitable jobs.</p>	<p>Immediate uplift of 5% of rate of disability benefits.</p> <p>Oppose plans to replace Personal Independent Payments with a ‘voucher’ scheme.</p> <p>Reform eligibility tests.</p> <p>Champion the right to inclusive welfare Support.</p>	Reform Work Capability Assessment.	<p>Reform of PIP – more transparent, ending unnecessary reassessment.</p> <p>Bring Work Capability Assessment (WCA) in house.</p> <p>Stronger voice for disabled people in the design of benefits policies and procedures.</p>	<p>Face to face, not remote assessment for Personal Independence Payment.</p> <p>We will also require independent medical assessments to prove eligibility for payments.</p> <p>Enforce a 2-Strike Rule for Job Offers. All Job seekers and those fit to work must find employment within 4 months or accept a job after 2 offers. Otherwise benefits are withdrawn.</p>
Social Care	Give local authorities a multi-year funding settlement to support social care.	Free personal care along the lines of that introduced in Scotland. Investment of £20 billion per year. Establish a career structure for carers.	Introducing a National Care Service and ‘explore how best to support working age disabled adults’ through this.	Invest in improving public health, expanding early access to health services, and fixing social care.	<p>Royal Commission of Inquiry into Social Care System.</p> <p>A national plan is critical for a sustainable social care system.</p> <p>Streamlining and simplifying through a single funding stream, not split between NHS and Local Authorities is essential. Improved regulation. Additional funding will be required.</p> <p>All frontline NHS and social care staff to pay zero basic rate tax for 3 years.</p>

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Health & NHS	<p>Expand coverage of Mental Health Support Teams from 50% to 100% of schools and colleges in England by 2030.</p> <p>Increase the planned expansion of NHS Talking Therapies by 50%, supporting people with anxiety, stress and depression.</p>	<p>Increasing the allocation of funding to primary medical care, with additional annual spending reaching £1.5bn by 2030, targeted at areas of greatest need.</p> <p>Reducing the administrative burden on GPs.</p> <p>Restoring public health budgets to 2015/16 Levels.</p> <p>Everyone who needs mental health support can access evidence-based mental health therapies within 28 days.</p>	<p>Cut NHS waiting times with 40,000 more appointments every week.</p> <p>Double the number of cancer scanners.</p> <p>A new Dentistry Rescue Plan.</p> <p>8,500 additional mental health staff.</p> <p>Return of the family doctor.</p>	<p>Give everyone the right to see a GP within seven days, or within 24 hours if they urgently need to, with 8,000 more GPs to deliver on it.</p> <p>Guarantee access to an NHS dentist for everyone needing urgent and emergency care, ending DIY dentistry and 'dental deserts'.</p> <p>Improve early access to mental health services by establishing mental health hubs for young people in every community and introducing regular mental health check-ups at key points in people's lives when they are most vulnerable to mental ill-health.</p> <p>Boost cancer survival rates and introduce a guarantee for 100% of patients to start treatment for cancer within 62 days from urgent referral.</p> <p>Help people to spend five more years of their life in good health by investing in public health.</p>	<p>Transform Doctor and Nurse Availability. All frontline NHS and social care staff to pay zero basic rate tax for 3 years.</p> <p>Use Independent Healthcare Capacity. Cut waiting lists by using UK & overseas providers and not for profit providers.</p> <p>Tax Relief of 20% on all Private Healthcare and Insurance.</p> <p>End training caps for all UK medical students. Write off student fees pro-rata per year over 10 years of NHS service for all doctors, nurses & medical staff.</p>
Education	<p>60,000 more school places and 15 new free schools for children with special educational needs.</p>	<p>Free transport for 16–18 year old pupils with a SEND. Ensure that neurodivergent children and those with special needs are adequately supported, including in the school system.</p> <p>£5 billion to be invested in SEND provision within mainstream schools and to ensure all schools have fully accessible buildings and specially trained teachers.</p>	<p>Improving inclusivity and expertise in mainstream schools, as well as ensuring special schools cater to those with the most complex needs.</p> <p>Make sure admissions decisions account for the needs of communities and require all schools to co-operate with their local authority on school admissions, SEND inclusion, and place planning.</p>	<p>Establishing a new National Body for SEND to fund support for children with very high needs.</p>	<p>More permanent exclusions and expansion of Pupil Referral Units.</p>

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Housing	Nothing in manifesto relevant to disabled people.	Champion the right to housing under the principles of universal design.	Nothing in manifesto relevant to disabled people.	Nothing in manifesto relevant to disabled people.	Nothing in manifesto relevant to disabled people.
Work	Tailored support to find work for those with “more moderate mental health issues or mobility problems”. Fit notes to be completed by specialist work and health professionals rather than GPs.	Ensure disabled workers have the in-job support they need as well as proper pay and conditions.	Expand Access to Work scheme and devolve funding to ‘local areas’. Full right to equal pay with mandatory reporting on disability pay gap.	Introduce the right to work from home for disabled people if they want to and business demand allows. Introduce specialist support into employment for disabled people. Introduce ‘adjustment passports’ for disabled people who work to show what adjustments they need in the workplace. Increase awareness of Access to Work.	We want an efficient welfare system that helps the genuinely disabled, sick, vulnerable and unemployed to find work.
Other	Give power to Local Authorities to ban pavement parking (following consultation with local businesses and residents). Explore bidding to host the 2031 Special Olympics Summer games.	Assisted suicide – Allow people to choose to end their lives to avoid prolonging unnecessary suffering, if this is their clear and settled will. Proper safeguards would need to be put in place. Scrapping the ‘bedroom tax’.	‘Slash’ fuel poverty.	Give parliament time to fully debate ‘assisted dying’. Improve blue badge legislative framework. Improve access to rail network. Introducing a social tariff for the most vulnerable to provide targeted energy discounts for vulnerable households. Helping people with the cost of living and their energy bills by implementing a proper, one-off windfall tax on the super-profits of oil and gas producers and traders.	Change the definition of hate crime, require more evidence.

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