


General election 2024

Our ten asks of the incoming government


The population of the UK is ageing and while this is cause for celebration, it also means that **more people are living longer with multiple complex health needs**. We call on the incoming government to prioritise the following areas to ensure that health and social care services work for older people, now and in the future.

Provision of person-centred care: before, during and after ill health

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1 Embed the BGS Blueprint as the basis for integrated, person-centred, age-attuned care across the NHS.
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2 Prioritise prevention and proactive care to enable older people to live healthy, independent lives for longer and reduce unplanned hospital admissions.
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3 Invest in services that prioritise treating older people quickly and discharging them on the same day where appropriate.
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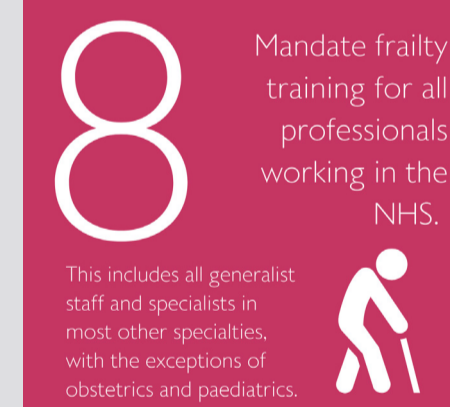
4 Invest in rehabilitation services, ensuring that older people are given the best chance at recovery from ill health.

A fully trained and sustainable workforce

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5 Ensure workforce needs for healthcare in an ageing society are met, with one geriatrician per 500 people over the age of 85.
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6 Increase the number of medical school places and reform medical training so that it remains an attractive career for graduates.
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7 Ensure that professionals across the multidisciplinary team and care settings are supported to develop the skills needed to care for older people.
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8 Mandate frailty training for all professionals working in the NHS.
This includes all generalist staff and specialists in most other specialties, with the exceptions of obstetrics and paediatrics.

A long-term solution to social care

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9 Remove barriers to careers in social care by increasing pay, improving terms and conditions and ensuring visa arrangements are in place to allow care staff to come to the UK and to bring their families.
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10 Implement a long-term, sustainable social care system.

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We urge all political parties to commit to prioritising older people's healthcare in their plans for the NHS.