

# Our challenge to politicians ahead of the General Election

**RCPCH**

Royal College of  
Paediatrics and Child Health  
*Leading the way in Children's Health*

The next General Election is coming and the RCPCH is busy influencing political parties to ensure children's health and wellbeing and the issues that are important to you are prioritised.



**Our manifesto to prioritise children's health in a changing world**

Too often children and young people are forgotten when it comes to policy-making. We want to change this and call on political parties to commit to:

1

Establishing a cabinet level Minister for Children and Young People

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Adopting a child health in all policies approach

3

Developing a cross-departmental Child Health and Wellbeing Strategy

## Our 7 policy priority areas

The RCPCH focus on seven policy priority areas to provide politicians with a clear starting point to address the challenge of making the UK the best place in the world to be a child.



Prioritise child health services



Address children's mental health



Support the child health workforce



Strengthen child protection



Harness the power of data



Promote the prevention of ill health



Tackle climate change and air pollution

# How you can get involved

If you want to help us ensure child health is prioritised on the political agenda, there are a number of ways for you to get involved.



## Before the General Election is called

- Share the manifesto with your local MP today and ask if they have any ideas for raising the RCPCH priorities in Parliament.
- Ask if they can raise our priorities in Parliament or send the manifesto to party officials.



## During the election campaign

- Engage your Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) on RCPCH priorities by attending hustings and other local events.
- Build candidates' understanding of the challenges faced by paediatricians and children's health.
- Keep an eye out for the RCPCH General Election toolkit for more information.



## After the election

- Follow-up with your newly elected MP with specific questions or commitments made during the election campaign.
- We need MPs who are knowledgeable advocates on child health, so keep in touch on key areas of your work and RCPCH calls to action.

## Further information

To read the full manifesto on prioritising children's health in a changing world please scan the QR code with your phone, or visit:

[rcpch.ac.uk/resources/manifesto-general-election](http://rcpch.ac.uk/resources/manifesto-general-election)

