

Building the health of the nation: priorities for a new government

The NHS remains one of the UK's most valued institutions and its staff are among the most trusted. But a decade of underinvestment – compounded by the impact of the pandemic, rising demand and an ageing population – has left NHS and social care services under extreme pressure. To ensure the health and care system is placed on a sustainable footing, the next government should prioritise five key areas:



01

Avoid top-down structural reform

in England for the next parliament. Commit to a **short-term stabilisation plan during the first 12 months of parliament** to help get performance in the English NHS back on track.



02

Increase NHS capital spending

across the UK and **reform how the capital regime operates.**



03

Commit to fund and deliver the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan

for England, alongside an **equivalent plan for social care.**



04

Provide more care closer to home

by enabling local health systems to **proportionately increase investment** into primary care and community-based services, mental health and social care.



05

Deliver a strategy for national health

given that most policy that impacts people's health is made outside the NHS. The Prime Minister should **lead a cross-government national mission for health improvement.**