

## Labour party pledges for the NHS

**The Labour party has today published its plan for the NHS. The party has pledged three separate funding increases for the NHS.**

### Key points

- A real-terms increase of £26 billion to 'healthcare funding' from 2018/19 to 2023/24.
- An additional £15 billion increase in capital budgets.
- An increase to the budget of the Department of Health and Social Care, bringing it to £178 billion by 2023/24 (equivalent to an average annual increase of 4.3 per cent).

### Labour party's vision

Ahead of the publication of their full Manifesto, the Labour party has outlined its vision for the NHS with promises to increase capital and revenue funding, expand the workforce and improve the provision of primary, community and public health services.

#### £26 billion – Healthcare funding

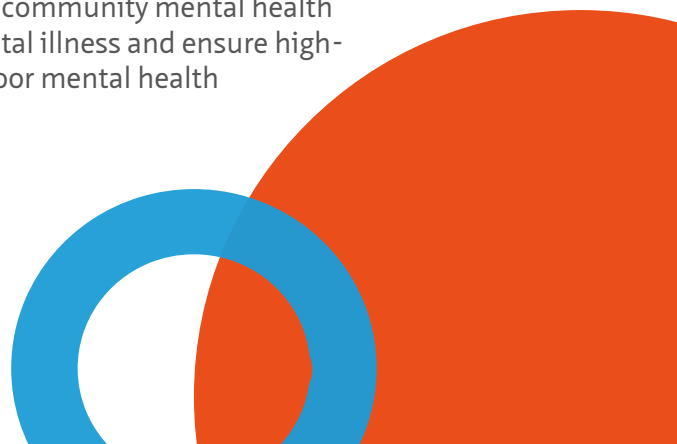
Labour states that the £26 billion figure represents an increase of more than £6 billion on the funding uptake promised by the Conservative party in 2018, which was additional funding to NHS England's budget (and does not apply to other areas such as public health, capital and workforce).

#### £15 billion – Capital funding

The additional £15 billion of capital funding is set to be delivered over the course of five years. If this funding is allocated to the budget at a cumulative rate of £1 billion per year for five years then it would bring the total capital budget by 2023/24 to above £10 billion.

#### The Labour party also pledged additional funding in the following areas:

- £1 billion a year to training and education budgets
- £1 billion a year to expand public health services including an extra £100 million each for addiction services, obesity services and public mental health services, as well as £75 million each for sexual health services and 0-5 services.
- £1.6 billion a year to fund counselling services for schools, community mental health hubs for young people, community services for severe mental illness and ensure high-quality liaison and 24/7 crisis care for people living with poor mental health
- £2 billion strategic mental health infrastructure fund
- £2.5 billion to overhaul primary care estates
- £1.5 billion to increase numbers of CT and MRI scanners.



### Labour has also promised to:

- introduce free prescriptions and free car parking
- deliver a green new deal for the NHS to enable all trusts to reduce their carbon footprint
- invest in digital and AI
- deliver an extra 4,800 health visitors and school nurses
- expand GP training places to 5,000
- recruit 24,000 extra nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

Labour's plans do not provide detail on how the funding required to improve those areas outside capital funding and NHS England's budget will be allocated to frontline services.

Pledges on social care and other areas tied to health and care are expected in the Labour manifesto and will be analysed alongside a full list of NHS pledges as and when they are released.

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