

**OUR**

**MANIFESTO**

**Data - Equal Access - NHS**



The election we are facing in the UK is, in so many ways, unlike any we have experienced before.

The outcome is utterly uncertain, as voters continue to switch their allegiance in unprecedented numbers.

And more than in any previous campaign, one issue – Brexit – will dominate.

But at The Brain Tumour Charity, we want this election to make history in a very different way.

As the voice of thousands of people whose lives are shattered every year by a brain tumour diagnosis, we want it to trigger real and lasting improvements in the way our community is treated.

That's why we're calling on the main parties and their candidates to pledge their support in three key areas where change will have the biggest impact: enabling charities to harness data without prohibitive cost; ensuring universal access to the best treatment and care, and funding for a fully resourced NHS workforce.

Regardless of who governs after 12 December, they are areas in which we will continue to campaign tirelessly on behalf of everyone affected by a brain tumour.

Whatever your political colours, we invite you to unite with us in our cause.

A cure can't wait!

**Sarah Lindsell**  
**CEO**

A handwritten signature of Sarah Lindsell in black ink.

# MANIFESTO

**The Brain Tumour Charity calls on political parties to commit to the following over the course of the next Parliament:**

# DATA

**Ensure charities can access the patient health data they need to transform lives through research**

As well as being crucial for our individual care, patient data has vast potential to advance medical research and deliver significant health benefits to patients.

## **OUR ASK:**

**Candidates should commit to ensure all research charities have access to health data free or at cost.**

# EQUAL ACCESS

**End the postcode lottery to ensure equal access to the best treatments and care**

We know that for some brain tumour patients the standards of treatment and care depend on where in the country you live. Currently, neuroscience centres are not required to collect and share patients' outcomes and experiences. The next Government must radically improve the diagnosis, treatment, care and support for all brain tumour patients no matter where they live.

## **OUR ASK:**

**Candidates should commit to eradicating differences in the quality of care offered to people diagnosed with a brain tumour, ensuring every UK neuroscience centre provides treatment of the highest standard.**

# NHS

**The NHS has enough staff with the right skills to ensure brain tumour patients have the best standards of treatment and care.**

We are calling for a comprehensive and fully funded NHS workforce strategy that prioritises the recruitment and retention of clinical nurse specialists (CNS) and the commitment that everyone diagnosed with a brain tumour has a support worker to guarantee a high-quality personalised care plan.

## **OUR ASK:**

**Candidates should commit to increased investment to enable the NHS to train and employ more neurological staff, ensuring everyone diagnosed with a brain tumour has access to a CNS.**

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