# Email template

Please use the below template to email your local MSP Candidates from **all** parties. Edit the sections highlighted in yellow.

**Email subject:**

Will you help drive vital progress for people affected by a brain tumour in Scotland?

**Email body:**

Dear [MSP CANDIDATE - FULL NAME],

I’m getting in touch as a local constituent to ask you to pledge your support for The Brain Tumour Charity’s Scottish Parliament election manifesto.

Over 1,000 people are diagnosed with a brain or CNS tumour in Scotland every year and tragically, of those diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour, more than half do not survive one year.

The next Scottish Parliament will convene in a changed world. We have an opportunity to build on that greater sense of togetherness the COVID-19 pandemic has engendered, to transform outcomes and the quality of life for those affected by a brain tumour in Scotland.

I am adding my voice to The Brain Tumour Charity’s calls because [personalise to your experience if you feel comfortable to do so – or delete this highlighted section].

The Brain Tumour Charity is at the forefront of the fight against brain tumours. Their vision is a world where brain tumours are defeated and they have two very clear goals: to double survival and to halve the harm that brain tumours have on quality of life.

With them, I am calling on the next Scottish Government to commit to taking action to help improve the lives of those affected by brain tumours in Scotland, by:

* **Ensuring everyone diagnosed can access support from a Clinical Nurse Specialist or key worker**, regardless of their tumour type or location in Scotland
* **Driving earlier diagnosis**: reducing the proportion of brain tumours diagnosed via an emergency and piloting a simple, low-cost blood test (ClinSpec DX) across primary care in Scotland, as soon as possible
* **Addressing the impact of the pandemic on brain tumour surgeries and scans:** establishing the extent of any backlog and setting out a clear plan to ensure everyone affected gets the diagnosis, treatment and support they need as soon as possible
* **Accelerating access to real-world data** for Scottish brain tumour patients, researchers and charities, including through The Charity’s app BRIAN – to help inform and empower those affected and accelerate research to find a cure

I now ask you as my local candidate to pledge support for The Brain Tumour Charity’s manifesto, - the full version is attached and available to [download on their website](https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/get-involved/campaigning-for-change/voices-for-change-scottish-parliament-elections-2021/) - and share your support on Twitter, to help us in our efforts to double survival and halve the harm that brain tumours have on quality of life.

[Click here to share your support on Twitter](https://twitter.com/intent/tweet?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3m62JaV&text=I%E2%80%99m%20supporting%20the%20%40BrainTumourOrg%20manifesto%20to%20drive%20vital%20progress%20for%20everyone%20affected%20by%20a%20brain%20tumour%20in%20Scotland.%20Together%20we%20can%20create%20urgent%20change.&hashtags=VoicesforChange,SP21,ACureCantWait)

We know that the only way to bring brain tumours down is by stepping up together. Now's the time for us to stand up, take action and raise our voices.

Will you join us?

[Sign off]

If there are any issues or if you have any questions, please email Alice.Russell@thebraintumourcharity.org.