

Labour will...

- 1** Raise the Minimum Wage to £8 an hour and ban exploitative zero hour contracts
- 2** Freeze energy bills until 2017 while reforming the broken energy market
- 3** Cut the deficit more fairly by asking those earning over £150,000 to contribute a little more through a 50p rate of tax
- 4** Build more affordable homes and deliver a fairer deal for private renters
- 5** Scrap the Bedroom Tax
- 6** Require all firms that have a major government contract to offer apprenticeships
- 7** Repeal the Tories' plans to bring competition and privatisation to the NHS
- 8** Ensure the NHS has time to care with 8,000 more doctors and 20,000 more nurses, funded by a mansion tax on homes worth over £2m
- 9** Control immigration so that entitlements to benefits are earned and wages are not undercut
- 10** Devolve power to Scotland, Wales, and the cities and counties of England

Stop Press

Salford Labour Council freezes council tax for 6th year running

Our NHS is on a knife edge

The NHS has served us well for 66 years, with services free at the point of need. But this is being taken away from us by privatisation under the Conservative-led Government. Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs forced through laws which are causing NHS services to be put out to tender.

A private health company has been awarded a contract to run scanning services in Lancashire, Cheshire, and other counties, despite reports that the NHS bid for these services was £7 million cheaper. In Stoke and Staffordshire, all cancer and end of life care services are being put out to tender, with most of those bidding for the contract being private health companies.

Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in Government have forced these changes through even though no-one voted to have the NHS changed in this way. Their reforms have cost £3 billion, money that should have been spent on caring for patients. Nurses' pay has fallen but bankers' pay grows six times faster than nurses.

Labour will:

- invest in 20,000 more nurses, 8,000 more GPs and 5,000 more care workers
- put an end to the uncertainty and waste caused by privatisation and end NHS services having to be put out to tender
- guarantee that you can get a GP appointment within 48 hours, and on the same day for those who need it. Guarantee a maximum one-week wait for cancer tests
- drive out the culture of 15-minute care visits through paying to cover care costs over a year-of-care
- bring together health and social care services, building a homecare workforce in the NHS to help those with the greatest need and aimed at helping people stay in their home

If you believe the NHS is worth fighting for, please vote Labour on 7th May to help us protect it.



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An NHS with time to care

David Cameron promised that under the Conservatives there would be no topdown NHS reorganisation. He broke that promise. They have wasted £3 billion on an upheaval which puts profits before co-operation and patient care, and ties hospitals up in competition law.

This wasteful and chaotic reorganisation is having a knock-on effect on the thing that matters most: patient care. Waiting lists, already rising, look set to be pushed up even further as budgets are squeezed and more hospitals fall into deficit. There is a crisis in A&E, not just in winter but all year round. Vital treatments are being rationed, giving patients the choice of waiting longer or paying to go private. Millions of people can't get a GP appointment when they need one.

NHS

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 Labour





Supporting Growth and Business

Britain will never succeed if it tries to compete with a low wage, low skill business model – a race to the bottom in which ordinary, working people are always the losers. This approach will not secure more and better paid jobs for the longer-term. Nor will it lead to the more resilient and competitive economy that Britain needs following the financial crisis. Like families, businesses are being hit by the cost of living crisis too. Many small and medium sized firms are struggling with rising costs and a lack of finance from the banks – a problem that must be solved in order to get our economy growing in a more balanced way.

Labour's plan...

We believe that prosperity must be built by the many, not the few. That means winning a race to the top, with well paid, high skilled jobs in new industries, and more people setting up, leading and succeeding in business. This private sector growth needs to be supported by an active government, investing for the long-term, setting clear priorities, and enabling businesses to grow.

Key Facts

- Business lending is down by over £50 billion since May 2010.
- The Tory-led Government has failed to deliver on infrastructure with infrastructure output down since May 2010.

Labour's focus will be on raising productivity, generating sustainable growth, creating more well-paid jobs, and broadening our economic base across more regions and sectors. To support this, Labour will reform our banking system so that it works for businesses and families, back small business that is the backbone of our economy, including by ensuring they are paid on time by their suppliers, and devolve power from Whitehall to our towns and cities.

Labour will...

Freeze energy bills until 2017 while reforming the broken energy market

...to make work pay

Labour will...

Control immigration so that entitlements to benefits are earned and wages are not undercut

...to make immigration work

Labour will...

Ensure the NHS has time to care with 8,000 more doctors and 20,000 more nurses, funded by a mansion tax on homes worth over £2m

...to heal our NHS

RAISING SCHOOL STANDARDS FOR ALL

Education standards have been undermined by the Tory-led Government. From scrapping the requirement that teachers must be qualified, to allowing underperformance in many schools to go unchallenged, the schools system has been badly mishandled. Rather than focusing on what really matters – the quality of teaching and learning in all of England's classrooms – they have focused only on a small number of Free Schools and academies.

As a result, we have looming teacher shortages due to poor planning and teachers leaving the profession, a primary school places crisis made worse through money spent on opening Free Schools where they're not needed, and over 1.5 million children in schools that require improvement. Meanwhile, the Government's reforms have created a dangerous lack of local oversight and accountability in our schools system, meaning poor standards are going unnoticed for far too long.

KEY FACTS

- There are now 17,100 unqualified teachers in state-funded schools.
- Nearly a third of Free Schools inspected have been judged inadequate or requiring improvement, compared to one in five for all state-funded schools.

LABOUR WILL...

- Guarantee parents that all teachers in state schools will be qualified.
- Require teachers to continue building their skills and subject knowledge on the job, with more high quality training and new career paths.
- Ensure all schools are locally accountable with new local Directors of School Standards responsible for intervening in underperforming schools.
- End the flawed Free Schools programme and instead prioritise new schools in areas where there are shortages of school places.



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Labour Party Candidates

Introducing your Labour party Candidates for the forthcoming elections on the 7th May.

Irfan Syed (left) is your candidate for Worsley and Lee Rowbotham (right) is your candidate for Boothstown and Ellenbrook.



Social Care

The growing social care crisis is one of the biggest challenges we face as a society. Since 2010, £2.7 billion has been cut from budgets that pay for adult social care while the number of older people needing care has increased. The result is that the system is close to collapse with some elderly people receiving just 15 minute visits and care for by a workforce that is undervalued.

The tighter eligibility criteria which are being applied to deal with this mean that hundreds of thousands fewer people are getting help. And the rising burden of care charges is adding to the cost of living crisis: increases in charges now mean that since 2010, elderly and disabled people are paying almost £740 a year more for vital home care services.

Labour's plan...

For too many vulnerable people the current health and care system feels like three fragmented services: physical health in the mainstream NHS, mental health on the fringes of the NHS, and social care in council run services. We will change that, bringing the services together around those needing care – with a single point of contact to organise your care and new homecare workers in the NHS to support people to stay in their home.

We will also end the acceptance of exploitation of the social care workforce, which harms the care people receive. We will stop zero hour contracts being used when care workers are in practice working regular hours, and fully enforce the minimum wage.

Labour Will...

• Integrate physical health, mental health and social care services so we can give people a personal care plan and single point of contact for those with the greatest needs.

• Train, recruit and pay new staff through a 'Time to Care' fund, including 5,000 new homecare workers in the NHS to support people to stay in their home.

• Create greater rights to care at home.

• Work with local authorities and care providers to end time-limited 15-minute visits.

• Tackle the exploitation of care workers, so that travel between appointments is not an excuse for paying below the minimum wage and ban exploitative zero hour contracts.

Creating Opportunity for All Young People

For too long, our education system has been focused only on providing opportunity through A-Levels and university. It has failed to provide alternatives for those who do not choose that path. As a result, many talented young people, for whom a quality vocational qualification would have been a better option, have been let down by a system that offers no clear route to a successful career.

This is limiting life chances for young people while preventing businesses from getting the skills they need to succeed - holding Britain back. Yet instead of ensuring we compete with our European counterparts in delivering opportunities for all young people, the Government has downgraded apprenticeships and neglected vocational education, treating them as the second class option.

Labour's plan...

To build the kind of economy Britain needs to compete with our European and global neighbours we need to make best use of the talents of all of our young people. That means taking a new approach to how we educate and train them – one which offers opportunities for everyone to succeed.

So Labour will radically reform vocational education and apprenticeships, creating a higher skilled workforce, driving up productivity and underpinning higher wages.

Our plan for transforming vocational education includes a gold standard 'Technical Baccalaureate' in schools and colleges, many more apprenticeships and the introduction of Technical Degrees. And to help give vocational training equal status with academic studies in our education system we'll transform good FE colleges into new specialist Institutes of Technical Education.

Labour Will...

• Introduce a new gold standard Technical Baccalaureate for 16- 18 year olds.

• Ensure that all young people study English and maths to 18.

• Require every firm getting a major government contract to offer apprenticeships.

• Give businesses more control over apprenticeships in exchange for offering more opportunities and raise the standard and quality of apprenticeships so they last a minimum of two years.

• Require large employers hiring skilled workers from outside the EU to offer apprenticeships.

• Create thousands more apprenticeships in the public sector.

• Introduce new Technical Degrees delivered by universities and employers.



Life is getting harder for so many people in this country. Under this Government people have increasingly seen working life become more stressful, precarious and poorly paid.

The younger generation have seen their employment prospects hit hard, and have been shut out of the housing market.

Poverty and inequality are increasing. In many communities there is a sense of being abandoned. People feel that something has been taken from their lives that they will never get back.

Childcare & the early years

Too many families are faced with difficult choices about how they balance work and family life. Some parents who want to work are being prevented from doing so because the rising cost of childcare makes it unaffordable, while others increasingly struggle to find good before- and after-school placements.

Under the current Government, the problem is getting worse. Too many parents are struggling to cope as the cost of childcare soars and availability falls. And David Cameron has broken his promise to protect Sure Start, with 628 fewer Children's Centres since 2010.

Labour will...

- Extend free childcare from 15 to 25 hours for working parents with three and four-year-olds, paid for with an increase in the bank levy.
- Introduce a legal guarantee that parents of primary-aged children can access childcare from 8am to 6pm through their local school.
- Reinvigorate Sure Start, reforming the way local services work together to shift from sticking-plaster services to radical early help.

Tackling Crime and Safeguarding Justice

The first duty of any Government is to keep people safe, yet David Cameron has shown complacency on crime and justice. Frontline policing has been cut, and the shift to neighbourhood policing achieved under the last Labour government has been put at risk.

Offenders are escaping justice: the number of rape, domestic violence and child abuse cases reported to the police is going up, but the number of cases being put forward for prosecution is falling as the service is hollowed out. Meanwhile the Government is presiding over chaos, with suicides and riots up, criminals absconding regularly and the reckless selloff of the probation service putting public safety at risk.

Labour will...:

- Scrap Police and Crime Commissioners in order to protect frontline police numbers.
- Raise policing standards with a new inspection and standards body.
- Establish a Commissioner to set minimum standards in tackling domestic and sexual violence.
- Reform prisons, professionalising the workforce, stamping out corruption and holding prisons to account on re-offending.
- Enact Britain's first Victims' Law to put victims at the heart of justice system.



David Cameron's hated Bedroom Tax is hitting more than 400,000 disabled people. Labour will scrap it.

The Bedroom Tax is cruel, it's unfair, and it doesn't work. The Tories claim it's

supposed to encourage people to move house, but the vast majority of those affected have nowhere smaller to move to. The average family paying the tax is losing £720 a year – money they can ill afford. And yet there is a real risk that the Bedroom Tax will end up costing the taxpayer more than it saves.

Labour will...

- Abolish the Bedroom Tax. Our policy is fully funded, so that it won't lead to any additional borrowing.

A Fair Plan To Deal With The Deficit

Britain has experienced the slowest economic recovery in over a hundred years. This has not only led to a cost-of-living crisis, it has meant the Tory-led Government has failed on get the deficit down too. Because when people's earnings are squeezed so is the tax we bring in.

In 2010 David Cameron and George Osborne pledged to balance the books by 2015. But they are on course to break this promise, instead still borrowing over £90 billion this year and with a large deficit set to remain next year.

As well as failing on the deficit the Tories have failed to address it fairly, raising VAT for ordinary working families while giving those earning over £150,000 a £3 billion tax cut.

Labour will...

- Balance the books and deliver a surplus on the current budget and falling national debt as soon as possible in the next Parliament.
- Reverse the 50p tax cut so that those at the top will pay a little more and introduce a lower 10p starting rate of tax, paid for by scrapping the unfair Marriage Tax Allowance.
- Stop paying the winter fuel allowance to the richest five per cent of pensioners.
- Cut ministerial pay until we have balanced the books.
- Ensure every commitment in our manifesto is fully funded, with no additional borrowing.



Britain has benefited over many centuries from immigration. But it is because immigration is so important that it needs to be controlled and its impact properly managed.

The Tories have let people down on immigration. David Cameron promised to get net migration down to the tens of thousands, but rather than falling it has actually increased. Illegal immigration is also a growing problem. Fewer people are being stopped at the border, more people are absconding and fewer foreign criminals are being deported; yet the government still has no way of properly tracking who is coming into the country and who is leaving.

Labour will...:

- Control immigration, with 1,000 new border staff and people counted in and out.
- Tackle illegal immigration, reinstating fingerprint checks at Calais and closing down student visitor visa loopholes.
- Ban recruitment agencies that only hire from overseas.
- Ensure that EU migrants have to earn their entitlement to benefits.
- Require public sector workers in public facing roles to speak English.