

# IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF RESIDENTS

## GREEN VISION: What are we aiming for overall?

The Green Party is committed to a fully public, properly funded health and social care system, and to keeping the profit motive well away from the NHS. Investing in GPs and public health is key to prevention, early diagnosis and improving our quality of life, while also reducing the burden on the NHS.

There's been a dramatic rise in mental health problems in recent years, particularly among young people, with far too many unable to access help when they need it.

We need better support in the school system for neurodivergent children and children with special educational needs.

Helping residents to be independent and active is key to good health. For those without cars, providing safe ways to travel is key. This is true for all but especially for children, the disabled and the elderly.

## GREEN Priorities: What we will try to do in the next four years

- County care services suffer from chronic underfunding. Combined with increased demand, this has resulted in a crisis. We will lobby the government for more funding.
- Due to lack of places, children with special educational needs often fail to get suitable school provision. We will push for an increase in specialist school places.
- Improve air quality within the city.
- Help residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.



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## GREEN ACTION: What we have done

- Successfully lobbied for an increase in the proportion of spending on pavements by the county council.
- More benches installed on routes into the city centre to help those who struggle to walk far.
- Successfully lobbied for real-time pollution monitors to show the air quality within the city.
- Successfully called for an investigation of the health impacts of the covid pandemic.