

# Green party response to Sunak speech

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Responding to PM Rishi Sunak's pride in Tory achievements, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

"This Conservative Prime Minister is heading for the exit because he is totally out of touch.

"He claimed: 'I am proud of what's been achieved over the last 14 years', but it is 14 years in which we broke away from our closest neighbors through Brexit, real wages fell, the NHS crumbled, and rivers filled with sewage.

"No Prime Minister so out of touch with the hurt his government has caused so many people can expect to be re-elected.

"So, we will have change on 4 July. The question is will it be the timid, tiny steps offered by Labour or can we achieve the real change the country needs to heal the NHS, tackle the climate crisis and give people hope that life can be so much better?

"On Wednesday, the Green Party manifesto will offer just such a vision of real change and real hope."

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# More action is needed say Greens as scientists raise the alarm on climate crisis

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Responding to the news that [408 leading climate scientists have demanded more action on the climate emergency](#) in an open letter, Green Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay, said,

"It is time for politicians to sit up and take note. Here we have 408

scholars who have dedicated their careers to understanding the climate crisis demanding not more words, but real action. Their call for an ambitious climate programme aligns closely with how The Green Party sees the role of political and government leadership in transitioning us to a more sustainable and secure future.

For Greens, it's in our DNA that we will commit to cutting greenhouse gas emissions with urgency, bolster our resilience to unavoidable climate impacts, and lead the global effort in transitioning away from fossil fuels. Equally, we stand ready to implement a credible, legally binding strategy to meet our carbon budgets and achieve net zero. We will accelerate adaptation measures and adhere to the expert advice of the Climate Change Committee.

More than that though we stand in solidarity with those demanding a just and fair transition and see the need for finance to come from the industrial north to those in need to most urgently mitigate and adapt from the impacts of climate change. The time for half measures is over. We need real change and real hope from our politicians that now, more than ever, the climate crisis will be given the focus and funding it deserves.

This, fundamentally, shows why we desperately need more Green MPs elected. To ensure that these demands are being made inside Westminster as well as by colleagues outside."

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### **7 June 2024**

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## **Boost NHS salaries, guarantee access to NHS dentists, and give free personal care say Greens**



### **6 June 2024**

- Green Party previews manifesto with extra spending on health and social care rising to over £50bn per year by 2030
- This sits alongside an additional £20bn capital investment to bring crumbling hospitals, primary care buildings and outdated equipment up to modern standards
- Greens will increase NHS frontline workers' salaries including doctors, dentists and nurses
- "Cast-iron Green guarantee" promise that Green MPs will fight privatisation of the NHS

Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay and the party's Health and Social Care Spokesperson, Dr Pallavi Devulapalli, today announced a "game-changing" package for the NHS and social care totally £50 billion a year in investment by 2030 and an additional £20 billion in capital investment to improve crumbling buildings.

Commenting at the launch, Green Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay said "Today's announcement represents a game changing package that is more than any other political party is offering. It has been fully costed and could be fully delivered."

Mr Ramsay, who described his personal experience in recent months supporting a family member both through hospitals and then into the care system, said that "many people" could see that the NHS was "stretched to breaking point" despite the "commitment of hard-working NHS staff".

Green Party Health and Social Care Spokesperson and practicing GP, Dr Pallavi Devulapalli , reiterated this saying that she had "seen first-hand the impact that chronic underinvestment had on patients" describing long-waiting times for treatments and the impact of living in severe pain unable to work or support loved ones.

Mr Ramsay spoke to the need to "restore dignity both for NHS staff and patients".

The Greens used the announcement to reveal a package of spending pledges alongside a "Green cast iron guarantee" that Green MPs would fight the privatisation of the NHS at every stage. The announcement included a commitment to :

- Invest £20bn in a capital investment to bring our crumbling hospitals and old equipment up to standard.
- Invest £50 billion per year by 2030 into health and social care – more than any other major party – and would use the money to:
  - Dramatically reduce waiting lists
  - Offer everyone access to an NHS dentist
  - Guarantee rapid access to a GP when there is urgent need and dramatically reduce waiting times for all
  - Ensure people needing mental health support can access relevant therapies within 28 days
  - Invest £5bn per year to boost NHS salaries and keep our wonderful nurses and doctors in the UK
  - Invest £20 billion per year into adult social care to ensure dignity for those in need of care and take pressure off the NHS – including introducing free personal care.
  - Restore public health budgets with £1.5bn uplift in spending .

The large spending commitments they say is part of a fully costed manifesto due to be released on the 12th June in Brighton that includes commitments to “tax wealth fairly” by introducing a wealth tax of 1% on assets over £10 million and 2% over £1 billion.

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