INVEST IN OUR HEALTH SERVICE

• We will increase frontline NHS spending by at least 20% to support and renew our NHS as it recovers from Covid-19. This will increase funding of frontline services by over £2.5 billion.

• We will ensure that half of the total budget for frontline NHS services will be invested in community and primary care so that more people can be cared for more conveniently and quickly.

• We will ensure every GP practice in the country has access to a dedicated mental wellbeing link worker.

• We will establish a 24 hour mental health crisis centre in Dundee.

• We will implement an NHS recovery plan to restore paused services, ensure urgent care is delivered swiftly, catch up on treatments that have had to be delayed, and bring waiting times back within targets.

• We will roll out more mobile health services for direct delivery of care, particularly in rural areas. This will include additional screening services, stroke units and mental health services.

• To help renew our NHS we aim to invest £10 billion over the next decade to replace and refurbish health facilities across Scotland. This will include:
  • Renewing or upgrading primary and community facilities, including the Insch War Memorial Hospital.
  • Renewing acute and general hospital facilities to keep them fit for the future, including the completion of the Baird Family Hospital and ANCHOR Centre in Aberdeen.
  • Planning and enabling the refurbishment of hospitals, including Ninewells Hospital in Dundee.

• We will establish a fast track cancer diagnostic centre in every health board area to help better support patients with non-specific symptoms suspicious of cancer.

• We will create a new centre of excellence for rural and remote medicine and social care to provide expertise and advice on the delivery of care in different rural, island, and remote settings in Scotland.

TACKLE SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND DRUG DEATHS

• A national mission is needed to tackle the drug death emergency. We will invest £250 million over the lifetime of the parliament to support a range of community-based interventions. Dundee will be at the heart of innovative drugs policy and we will advocate that it should be a potential second site for heroin assisted treatment.

BOOST OUR ECONOMY AND CREATE JOBS

• We will invest over £33 billion over the next five years in our National Infrastructure Mission, supporting an estimated 45,000 jobs and providing benefits across Scottish supply chains. In the North East, we will invest:
  • £180 million in an Emerging Energy Technologies Fund
  • £125 million in Aberdeen City and £150 million in the Tay Cities region deals, delivering significant and lasting economic benefits for individuals, businesses and communities, creating jobs and up-skilling local labour markets;

• We will invest an additional £32 million for local bridges maintenance to rebuild and maintain key lifeline bridges.

• We will invest £275 million to support community-led regeneration and town centre revitalisation with funding available across the North East.

• A re-elected SNP Government would stand ready to work with the Aberdeen taskforce and all parties in the city to ensure Aberdeen City Centre is vibrant and attractive.

• We will create new ‘Tech-Scaler’ hubs in Aberdeen and Dundee and ensure that the commercial education on offer in these hubs is accessible virtually to ensure access for businesses in rural areas.

• We will continue to invest in and support the transformation of the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc to attract new businesses and to develop new low carbon transport and energy solutions.
We will create an explicit economic link between our fishing industry to support local management of inshore fisheries, develop more sustainable fisheries pilots and increase inshore fishing opportunities.

We will maintain our doubled investment in the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund at £6.2 million, and invest £10 million in wider initiatives including rural hotel infrastructure, and the deployment of Seasonal Rangers to encourage responsible tourism in rural hot-spots.

INVEST IN HOUSING AND SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Since taking office, we have delivered 96,750 affordable homes, nearly 67,000 of which were for social rent – including over 33,000 in the North East region. We will deliver a further 100,000 affordable homes by 2032, backed by investment of £3.5 billion over the parliament – supporting 14,000 jobs a year.

We will work with regional transport partnerships to reinstate or develop new railway branch lines across rural Scotland and commuter lines in urban areas.

We were the first Government to commit to dualling the A96 and remain committed to completing this programme. This should be seen within the context of our commitment to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030.

Our £579 million investment in the expansion of superfast broadband means every home and business in the North East region will have access in the next five years.

WORK TOWARDS NET ZERO

With particular focus on Aberdeen and the North East, our Energy Transition Scotland programme will ensure that Scottish industry plays a leading role in the development and deployment of new, low carbon technologies, like marine renewables, hydrogen and CCUS.

We are committed to introducing Low Emission Zones in Aberdeen and Dundee.

With the powers of independence, we are committed to ring fencing any revenues from oil and gas in a Net Zero Fund - helping to accelerate the transition to zero carbon energy, and supporting areas like Aberdeen and the North East to diversify its economy.

PROMOTE CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND SPORT

With our powers, we will support V&A Dundee to become a National Centre for Design, working in close partnership with organisations from across Scotland.

We’ll support the development of Eden Project Dundee – an exciting opportunity not just for the regeneration and recovery of tourism in the city but for Scotland.