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 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 mean planning and enabling the refurbishment of hospitals, including:
  • The Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley
  • The Vale of Leven Hospital in Alexandria.

• 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.

• 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.

• Invest £10 million to complete the National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service in Irvine;

• Invest £110–114 million to support construction of two new major dual-fuel vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides network;

• Conclude the £75 million investment in the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland;

• Support Gourock Harbour and Vessel renewal and Small Vessel Replacement programmes;

• Continue to support Ferguson Marine to improve business processes and outcomes.

• The SNP will invest £275 million to support community-led regeneration and town centre revitalisation with funding available across the West Scotland region.

• We will assess options for direct links to international markets from Scotland’s ports and airports in the West Scotland region – reducing dependency on the ‘short straits’ and airports in the South East of England – to provide cost effective options for Scottish exporters.

• We will develop a maritime strategy and set up a dedicated agency to put our marine assets at the heart of the blue economy, doubling turnover, GVA and international trade in a decade. We will support the sustainable growth of marine tourism to over £0.5 billion turnover by 2025.

• To support the recommendations of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce, we will create a £25 million fund to help build a strong recovery, including providing thousands of vouchers for short breaks and days out to carers, people with disabilities and families on low incomes.

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 West Scotland region, we will invest:

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INVEST IN EDUCATION AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

• We will invest a further £1 billion to close the school attainment gap and invest in children’s wellbeing and with a programme of summer activities to allow them to socialise, play and reconnect.
• Over the next parliament we will invest £2 billion – in partnership with local government – in a Learning Estate Investment Programme, including:
  • Replacements for Neilston Primary School and St Thomas’ Primary School
  • Ardrossan Community Learning and Innovation Hub
  • Montgomerie Park Primary School
  • Paisley Grammar Community Campus
  • Faifley Campus
• In the last year alone, the SNP has provided a free school meal to over 20,000 pupils in the West Scotland region. We will go even further and make sure no child is hungry in the classroom by providing free school breakfasts and lunches to every primary school pupil, all year round.
• We will renew every play park in the West Scotland region so that all children have access to quality play in their own community, backed by £60 million.
• We will expand our digital learning offer to develop a National Digital Academy, ending the postcode lottery of subject choice, and enabling people to study for their Highers later in life, in their own time, fitting it around work or caring commitment.

BUILD A FAIRER SOCIETY
• Child poverty is in every part of Scotland. We want to lift children out of poverty in the West Scotland region – that’s why we will double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per child by the end of parliament and nearly double the planned investment in the Parental Employability Support Fund.
• We will build a wraparound childcare system providing care before and after school, all year round, where the least well-off families will pay nothing.

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 25,000 in the West Scotland 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, delivering enormous benefits to communities and the regional economy, in terms of sustainable tourism and to meet our green travel objective.
• We will explore the potential to build more fixed links to island and remote communities, such as the potential for a bridge from Gourock to Dunoon.
• We will invest in more sustainable ferries, reducing the carbon footprint of our ferry fleet. We are committed to 30% of state-owned ferries being low emission by 2032.
• Ferries provide a truly lifeline service for the islands they serve, and we are committed to funding these services and maintaining Road Equivalent Tariff on all current island ferry routes.
• Our £579 million investment in the expansion of superfast broadband means every home and business in the West of Scotland will have access by 2023.

WORK TOWARDS NET ZERO
• We will take real action to transform how we heat our homes, to increase renewable energy and to invest in hydrogen as a fuel source, we will revolutionise our transport system electifying our rail lines, switching to electric vehicles, increasing active travel and investing in green jobs and industries for the future.
• We will ensure that every Local Authority area will have a Nature Network of new, locally driven projects which aim to improve ecological connectivity across Scotland.

PROMOTE CULTURE, CREATIVITY AND SPORT
• Taking Wigtown, Scotland’s National Book Town, as a model, we will extend the reach of the arts by launching an open competition for further National Towns of Culture for example, Scotland’s National Live Music Town, Folk and Trad Town, or Visual Art Town.
• We will create a ‘Fan Bank’ to empower communities and groups and strengthen local decision-making by supporting communities to acquire a share or control of their local sports club
• We will double the Scottish Government’s investment in sport and active living to £100 million a year by the end of the Parliament to help Scotland get more active.