

Speak up for kidney patients at the Scottish elections!

Do you think kidney disease needs to be on the agenda at the Scottish Parliament election 2026?

Then we have the tools for you!

Use Kidney Research UK's manifesto to tell the candidates calling at your door why you are 'voting kidney'.

Get them on board and we could have an even stronger band of kidney ambassadors sitting in Holyrood, representing the needs of kidney patients, ready to create the change that's so urgently needed.

#VoteKidney this election

Call on your candidate to:



Pledge their support on social media, using **#VoteKidney**

Read our manifesto in full:

www.kidneyresearchuk.org/scotland-manifesto



Kidney disease must be a health priority!

The next Scottish Government must publish an action plan to...

1. Prevent kidney disease wherever possible through better management of risk factors, diagnose it early and intervene to delay progression; and reduce inequalities

This is urgent because...

- Kidney disease often develops without symptoms and is frequently diagnosed too late. Early detection and intervention, joined-up care and tackling inequalities could prevent kidney failure and save lives.
- Without significant change, by 2033 as many as 10,000 people in Scotland could see their condition progress to kidney failure, requiring dialysis or transplantation.
- Kidney disease currently costs the Scottish economy more than £0.5 billion a year. Without significant government intervention this could rise to more than £1 billion by 2033.

2. Improve care for people living with rare and genetic kidney diseases

It matters because...

- People with rare and genetic kidney diseases often face long delays in diagnosis and limited treatment options, leading to avoidable kidney damage and poorer outcomes.
- Speeding up diagnosis, improving access to genetic testing and treatment and investing in research will help people stay well for longer and give families hope for the future.
- We can stop childhoods being lost to kidney disease.

3. Invest in research, data and clinical trials for kidney disease

It matters because...

- Scotland has world-leading research and expertise – let's use it.
- Investing in kidney research and clinical trials will unlock new treatments and improve outcomes.
- Investing in data collection and making it available will ensure policy and practice are informed by evidence and lived experience.