



PATIENTS OVER POLITICS

Remember what really matters

Welcome to this special edition of Weekly News

This special edition of Weekly News focuses on our election campaign, Patients Over Politics. We hope you will enjoy taking part in it, if you have not already got involved.

Our central call is for politicians to remember what really matters: living in good health, and being able to get high quality care and treatment when needed. These things are too important to be used for narrow party advantage in a political debate, so we are calling on politicians to put patients over politics.

There are lots of actions you can take, from the very light touch to the more thoroughly involved, so please take whatever steps you feel able to.

We have a dedicated election website with all you need to know, and key highlights are presented below.

[Visit the website](#)

[Take our survey](#)

The simplest action you can take is to tell us how confident you feel in how politicians handle health and care issues. It's a very short survey that will take you just a couple of minutes to complete.

We want as many people to take part as possible, to send the loudest message possible. The survey will close at 11:59pm next Monday, December 2nd, so please take part as soon as you can.

[Take the survey](#)

Put a poster in your window



Campaign posters are a staple part of every election campaign. For this election, we want people to see posters that speak up for patients.

There are multiple ways for you to do this. You can order a large, professionally printed Patients Over Politics campaign poster from [our online shop](#), and display it in your window.

Alternatively, you can download a file and print it at home:
[Red](#) and [yellow](#)
[Blue](#) and [yellow](#)
[Purple](#) and [pink](#).

We realise that not everyone will have a printer capable of printing the poster to a high standard, so if you would like us to send you an A3 poster free of charge, please email patientsoverpolitics@patients-association.org.uk to request one, remembering to include your postal address and whether you would like a particular colour scheme.

When your poster is up, be sure to take a photo and send it to us, so we can spread the word and encourage others to follow your lead!

Take action

Our website tells you all you need to know about everything you can do to take part the campaign. There are many ways to do it, and they include:

- Finding your candidates locally, and asking if they put patients over politics
- Sending your candidates a letter, email or message on social media
- Spreading the word online, and in real life
- Making a short video, saying why it matters to you that politicians put patients over politics.

Click the link below to get full details of all the ways to get involved.

[Take action](#)

Campaign props



There are lots of ways to spread the Patients Over Politics message. Simply displaying the symbol, whether in your window, on your bag, or on your social media profile, will always help. Or you can spread the word by sending Patients Over Politics greeting cards, using a Patients Over Politics mug in the office, or giving presents to friends and family.

We have a range of campaign props available to help you do this. The idea is to spread the message, so these are available to buy at cost – to ensure as many people can participate as possible, we have not put a mark-up on any of these items.

The mugs, bags, posters, cards and so on will be printed on demand when they are ordered, so they may take a little while to get to you – if you would like them in time for polling day, our advice is to order as soon as possible!

Also, keep an eye out for sales on Redbubble, the online shop – these apply to everything on the site, so we don't control them, but they can offer big savings. There may be some 'Black Friday' deals this week, so be on the lookout!

However you use the campaign items, let us know! Take pictures, and post them on social media using the #PatientsOverPolitics hashtag, or send them in to us at patientsoverpolitics@patients-association.org.uk.

[Visit the shop](#)

Party manifestos

A full set of party manifestos is now available, and we have produced digests of all the policy pledges relating to health, care and wellbeing for every party.

So, if you'd like to see what each party is promising, click here to read more. We have also published [a short article](#) explaining how we compiled each summary.

[Read the manifestos](#)

Thank you for taking part in the campaign! Your regular edition of Weekly News will follow on Friday.

We are aware that some readers have not received it recently – for some people, it has been delivered to their spam or junk folder. We have identified the technical problem that has caused this, and hope to resume normal service this week – please get in touch if you have any further difficulties.

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