CYPMHC members guide to the new government



Introduction

This guide has been created to support you to engage, work with and influence the new Government. The guide contains:

- The Governments key manifesto commitments on babies, children and young people's mental health,
- Information about what was included in the Kings Speech
- What has been announced so far
- The key secretaries of states and ministers.

Key manifesto commitments on babies, children and young people's mental health

In their manifesto the Government proposed a new approach to administration: a mission driven government. Their work in Government is to be shaped around five missions including: kickstarting economic growth, making Britian a clean energy superpower, taking back our streets from violent crime, breaking down barriers to opportunity and building an NHS fit for the future.

At the core of the new Government's mission is to 'raise the healthiest generation of children in our history', and reform the NHS to ensure parity of esteem between physical and mental health.

The Labour manifesto made a range of commitments to children and young people's mental health.

Key Commitments

- **Mental health support in schools:** Provide access to specialist mental health professionals in every school, so every young person has access to early support to address problems before they escalate.
- **Mental Health Act reform**: Modernise legislation to give patients greater choice, autonomy, enhanced rights and support, and ensure everyone is treated with dignity and respect throughout treatment.
- Early support hubs: Intervene earlier to stop young people being drawn into crime, creating a new Young Futures programme with a network of hubs reaching every community. These hubs will have youth workers, mental health support workers, and careers advisers on hand to support young people's mental health and avoid them being drawn into crime.
- **Recruitment:** We will recruit an additional 8,500 new staff to treat children and adults through our first term. As part of our mission to reduce the lives lost to suicide, these new staff will be specially trained to support people at risk.
- The new Government have also made a range of commitments that will help to address the wider determinants of poor mental health. This includes:
- Funding free breakfast clubs in every primary school
- Developing a strategy to reduce child poverty
- Building on the Online Safety Act
- Working with the local government to support children in care
- Reducing gambling related harm
- Increasing inclusion in mainstream schools for SEND pupils
- Ensuring special schools cater to those with the most complex needs
- Tackling the social determinants of health

What was included in the King's Speech?

The first King's Speech took place on Wednesday 17th July, which set out the Government's legislative programme. The speech covered:

- Reducing waiting times, focusing on prevention and improving mental health provision for young people.
- Ensuring that mental health is given the same attention and focus as physical health.
- Legislation to modernise the Mental Health Act [Mental Health Bill]
- Legislation to increase the age at which people can buy cigarettes and impose limits on the sale and marketing of vapes [Tobacco and Vapes Bill]
- Legislation to restrict advertising of junk food and the sale of high caffeine energy drinks.
- Legislation to ban conversion practices [Draft Conversion Practices Bill]
- Legislation on race equality [Draft Equality (Race and Disability Bill)]
- Raising educational standards and promoting children's wellbeing [Children's Wellbeing Bill]

What else has been announced?

NHS Inquiry: Wes Streeting has ordered a full and independent investigation into the state of the NHS to uncover the extent of issues facing the nation's health service. The aims of the investigation are to cut waiting times to get people back to work, make the UK a life sciences and medical technology superpower and create training and job opportunities through the NHS. The rapid assessment will be delivered in September.

Child Poverty Taskforce: The Prime Minister has appointed the Work & Pensions Secretary and the Education Secretary as the joint leads of a new ministerial taskforce to begin work on the Child Poverty Strategy. A new Child Poverty Unit in the Cabinet Office will bring together external experts and expert officials from across government to report into the task force.

Who's who?

Department of Health and Social Care

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care- Wes Streeting

- Stephen Kinnock MP Minister of State for Care (responsible for adult social care, primary care, community health, and disabilities and SEND)
- Karin Smyth MP Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care) (responsible for NHS oversight)
- Andrew Gwynne MP Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health and Prevention (responsible for health protection, health improvement including health inequalities and child health and family services, and long-term conditions)
- Baroness Merron Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health (responsible for mental health, including mental health reform, children and young people and early intervention, suicide and crisis prevention, offender health and mental health inquiries)

Department for Education

Secretary of State for Education-Bridget Phillipson

- Annelise Dodds MP- Minister for Women and Equalities
- Catherine McKinnell MP- Minister for School Standards (responsible for school improvement, intervention and inspection, teacher training, school leadership, school support staff, core funding, curriculum and assessment, SEND, alternative provision)
- The Rt Hon Jacqui Smith- Minister for Skills (responsible for skills, access to further education)
- Janet Daby MP- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State- Minister for Children and Families (responsible for children in care and need, children's social care, family hubs, family support and parenting)
- Stephen Morgan MP- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State- Minister for Early Education (responsible for early years education and workforce, early intervention, online safety, school attendance, mental health support in schools, behaviour and exclusions)

Who's who?

Home Office

Home Secretary- Yvette Cooper

- Dan Jarvis MBE MP- Minister of State
- The Rt Hon Dame Diana Johnson DBE MP- Minister of State
- Dame Angela Eagle DBE MP-Minister of State
- The Rt Hon Sir David Hanson-Minister of State
- Seema Malhotra MP- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
- Jess Phillips MP- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport- Lisa Nandy

- Stephanie Peacock- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
- Sir Chris Bryant MP- Minister of State for Data Protection and Telecoms (responsible for data protection adn digital inclusion)
- Baroness Twycross: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

Who's who?

Department for Work and Pensions

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions- Liz Kendall

- Alison McGovern MP- Minister for Employment (responsible for labour market, poverty, childcare, disability employment)
- The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP-Minister for Social Security and Disability (responsible for disability policy, carers allowance, contributory benefits, housing)
- Emma Reynolds MP- Parliamentary Secretary, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Pensions) (responsible for social fund, HM Treasury responsibilities)
- Andrew Western MP- Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Transformation) (responsible for fraud, error and debt, digital and AI, workplace transformation)
- Baroness Sherlock OBE-Parliamentary Under- Secretary of State (Minister for Lords) (responsible forDWP Lords spokesperson, child maintenance, family test, reducing parental conflict, disadvantaged groups)

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Goverment

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government-Angela Rayner

- Jim McMahon OBE MP- Minister of State
- Matthew Pennycook MP- Minister of State
- Alex Norris MP- Parliamentary Under- Secretary of State
- Rushanara Ali MP- Parliamentary Under- Secretary of State
- Baroness Taylor of Stevenage-Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
- Lord Khan of Burnley-Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State