



## Health services where you need them

We want to make sure that people can receive healthcare and support from the NHS in their own home or community.

This includes protecting and promoting the district nursing service, and developing specialist services as required for people with particular needs such as children, older people and those in need of palliative care.

Plaid Cymru will provide funding to assist the independent Air Ambulance Service, which is more necessary than ever following hospital reorganisation in Wales, particularly in rural areas.

We will ensure that everybody will have the same access to an NHS dentist wherever they live in Wales, which will allow everybody to benefit from the same level of preventative care.

We will implement a National Cancer Plan so that all patients are able to receive the best possible

care, regardless of where they live. We will prioritise early diagnosis through tackling unacceptably long waiting times for diagnostic tests, so that patients have the best chance of recovery.

Plaid Cymru will also work to ensure that all cancer patients have access to a specialist cancer nurse so that they are supported throughout treatment and beyond, including providing clinical advice and support with important practical issues such as finance and employment.

## Quality of Care

Whether a person needs home care, residential, nursing or NHS nursing care should be a matter that is decided on the basis of an individual's need, not on organisational convenience. By integrating health and social care we will ensure that the focus is always on the needs of the patient, by removing un-necessary paperwork and ensuring co-operation between organisations.

Plaid Cymru will work towards a paperless NHS that will save money and bureaucracy so that, within confidentiality rules, appropriate healthcare professionals can access records wherever in Wales you are being treated.

We will support all measures to improve dignity in care and in hospitals, working to ensure that there is sufficient time to care for you wherever you are treated.

Anyone who raises concerns about healthcare standards will be supported and we will ensure that those responsible, whether bosses or workers, are held to account if there are failures. We will ensure a rigorous and independent Healthcare Inspectorate Wales that will safeguard all individuals who receive care in Welsh hospitals, as well as supporting CSSIW, so that improvements are introduced promptly.

Plaid Cymru proposes a Medical Accountability Bill, including a duty of candour, so that healthcare professionals are legally bound to tell the truth to the patient and their family.