



# Questions for Candidates – a guide from the RCGP

The General Election is a great opportunity to ask your local candidates for Parliament what they and their party will do to support patients and GPs if elected.

Why not stick this poster on the back of your door so you have these questions ready to ask political canvassers?

- What will you do to act as a champion in Parliament for your local GPs and for general practice as a whole?
- What will your party do to ensure that EU nationals working in health and social care will be able to stay in the UK after Brexit?
- How will your party deliver increased investment in general practice?
- We have a chronic shortage of family doctors. How will you encourage medical students to become GPs?
- Waiting times for GP appointments are growing and at the same time, GPs' workloads are increasing – what will your party do to bring down both?

**Remember** – these are just suggestions. You may want to ask specific questions about local services or share your experiences of general practice in your area – these would be very powerful.

**Follow up** – if you find yourself wanting to ask further questions but don't get the chance, why not write to, email or telephone the candidate to get more information, or attend local hustings and ask them in person.

**Keep us posted** – if you speak to candidates or volunteers about general practice, let us know what you asked and what kind of responses you got. You can email us at [campaigns@rcgp.org.uk](mailto:campaigns@rcgp.org.uk)

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