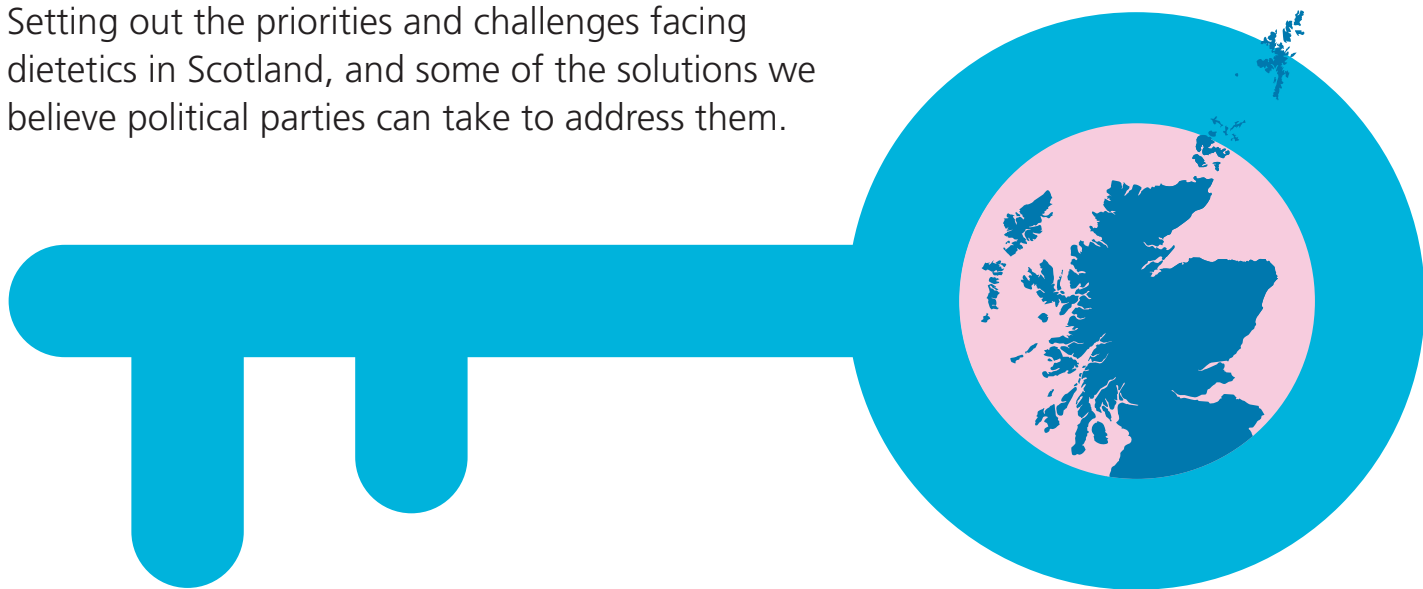


Dietitians: The key to unlocking prevention and early intervention

Setting out the priorities and challenges facing dietetics in Scotland, and some of the solutions we believe political parties can take to address them.





Support the dietetic workforce

- ✓ Provide targeted funding to **support the integration of dietitians within primary care settings**, such as GP practices and within wider public health roles
- ✓ **Mandate AHP executive leadership across the system** by requiring all NHS Boards to appoint an Executive Director of AHPs, and all Integration Joint Boards to include a Professional Advisor for AHPs
- ✓ **Commit to fair pay** by fully funding workforce planning
- ✓ **Champion primary prescribing rights** for dietitians



Invest in education and training

- ✓ **Implement innovative, sustainable solutions to fund 'Earn as you learn'** and graduate apprenticeship pathways
- ✓ **Dietetic and wider AHP students should be offered the same financial bursary** as their nursing and paramedicine counterparts
- ✓ Guarantee all dietitians equitable **access to high-quality practice-based learning** through a national framework



Trust dietitians on food policy

- ✓ **Expand free school meals** to all primary school children as a priority
- ✓ **Regulate for a healthy food environment** through progressing a code of practice for local authorities to restrict unhealthy food advertising outdoors and implement regulations on unhealthy food promotions without delay
- ✓ Ensure that the **Good Food Nation agenda** considers dietitians as vital in their plans

