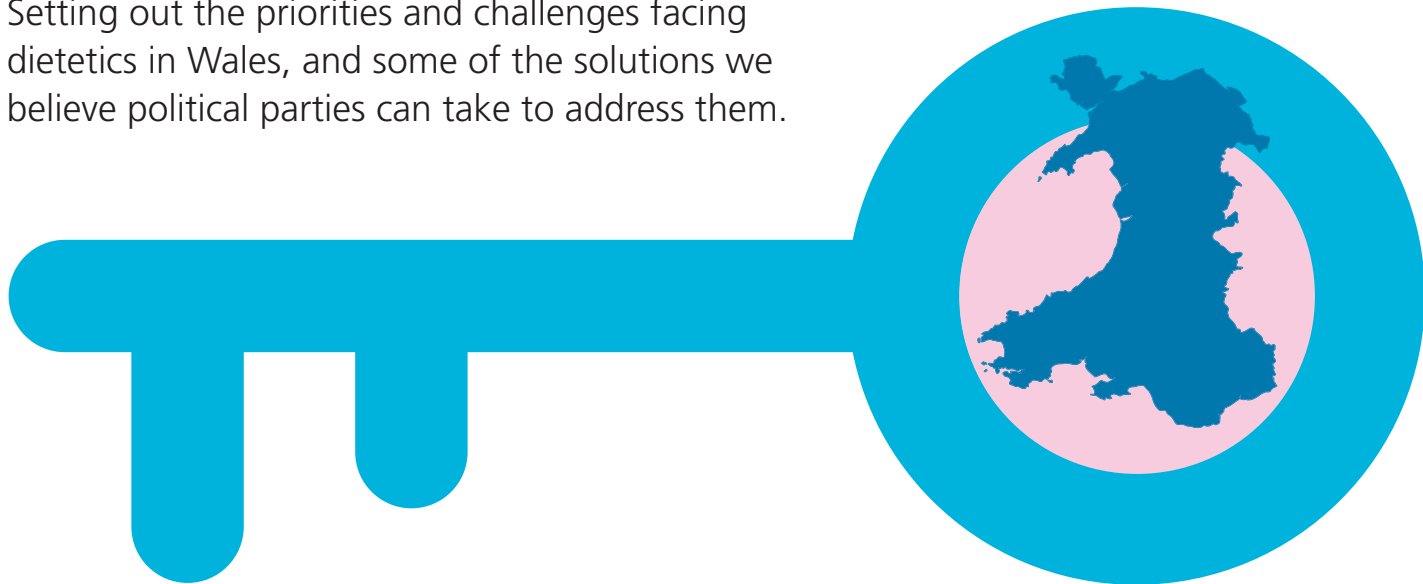


The key to unlocking prevention and early intervention

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



1



Support the dietetic workforce

- ✓ **Address understaffing** through a long-term AHP workforce plan. This should include improving career planning for dietitians and dietetic support workers, so we have better retention and targeted recruitment.
- ✓ **Commit to fair pay by fully funding workforce planning** - addressing real-terms pay decline through above inflation pay rises and publishing a clear timeline for restoring NHS pay to competitive levels.
- ✓ **Improve efficiency** by investing in digital upgrades and exploring the expansion of primary prescribing rights, collaborating with the UK Government to explore how this could be achieved in Wales.



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Invest in education and training

- ✓ **Improve access to dietetics university courses.** This means maintaining funding for current places, ensuring access to adequate maintenance funding, making available part-time and other flexible study options and promoting science access courses.
- ✓ **Undertake measures to make a career in dietetics more accessible** by creating fully funded alternative routes into the profession such as degree apprenticeships. We'd also like to see improved careers planning for students or potential students interested in dietetics, in partnership with Careers Wales.
- ✓ **Ensure dietitians and dietetic support workers have better access to CPD and training,** including earmarked paid time to undertake these.

3



Trust dietitians on food policy

- ✓ **Explore options to further expand free school meals in secondary schools** and improve food education in schools through the whole-school approach. Monitor outcomes of universal free school meals in primary schools.
- ✓ **Ensure involvement of public health dietitians in the development, design and implementation of food policy and regulations.** This should include the implementation of the recently published Community Food Strategy.
- ✓ **Ensure work across the public sector improves public nutrition and health equality.** Create a National Food Resilience Plan, in partnership with dietitians, to achieve this through improving secure access to health and sustainable diets.

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