

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

Unicef UK's work covers a broad range of issues, and there are many ways your Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) can support children's rights in the UK and internationally.

HOW CANDIDATES CAN PROTECT & UPHOLD THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN:

Unicef UK is calling on all the major political parties to commit to protecting the rights of the world's most vulnerable children. Ask them to do this by:

- **Celebrating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on World Children's Day (Wednesday 20th November) by joining [#TeamChildren](#)** - taking a photo with our sign and sharing on social media alongside their support for child rights.
- **Reaffirming the UK's commitment to supporting an independent Department for International Development and spending 0.7% of national income on aid** which supports vaccinations, improved nutrition and Universal Health Coverage.
- **Committing to meet with Unicef UK Government Relations Team throughout the next Parliament (if elected) to live up to their pledge for [#TeamChildren](#)**

Below we've suggested some questions that relate to Unicef UK's key priorities:

If elected, what steps will you take to protect the health of every child around the world?

- In 2017, 5.3m children died from a preventable cause before they reached their fifth birthday. Further coordination and investment is needed to improve immunisation rates, tackle malnutrition and provide basic healthcare access. **What action would you take to ensure the UK leads the world in ending preventable child deaths?**
- Spending UK Aid on alleviating poverty and tackling disease makes me proud of our country. **Will you commit to protecting the 0.7% aid budget target and ensuring child health remains a DFID's priority and an essential component of UK Aid?**

If elected, what steps will you take to protect the health of every child here in the UK?

- I'm worried about air pollution levels and the impact toxic air has on children's health. **How do you feel about the environment and current air quality standards? What do you think the Government could do support measures which protect children?**
- Unicef UK analysis shows that 1 in 3 children are living in areas of the UK with unsafe levels of Particulate Matter - these tiny particles can get into their lungs and cause long-lasting health problems. **Would you support the introduction of targets which would encourage the Government, businesses, local authorities to increase attention and resource to tackle toxic air?**

If elected, what steps will you take to promote and protect the rights of refugee and migrant children?

- I think it's important to protect refugee children from trafficking and exploitation by reuniting them with family here in the UK. **Would you support rule changes that would ensure refugee children can reach safety in the UK and be reunited with their families here?**

Throughout the General Election and if elected, what action will you take to listen to children and young people who live in the area?

- I believe children should be engaged in decisions and matters that affect them. **How will you support the active participation of children and young people if you are elected as our MP?**
- I would like to see all candidates ensure local children and young people consulted as part of the General Election. **Have you been talking to children and young people about their concerns and priorities for our community? If not, how would you encourage them to?**

NEXT STEPS

Let us know if you get any answers to these questions from your PPCs by emailing campaigns@unicef.org.uk