

In light of the upcoming election, MS Ireland are proud to launch our manifesto of asks.

See below for a series of questions we have prepared, in collaboration with our community, for candidates to answer who are seeking your vote.

Scan the QR code to access the full manifesto:



Dear

As a person affected by MS, I am keen to understand your commitment to addressing the critical issues faced by our community.

**Disability Payments:**

How will you ensure disability payments are increased in line with the cost of living and the specific costs associated with MS?

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**Household Benefits Package:**

What measures will you take to increase the Household Benefits Package to support those with MS?

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**Medical Cards:**

How will you make the application process for medical cards more inclusive of the additional costs of living with MS?

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**Primary Care Services:**

What are your plans to improve access to occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and mental health support for people with MS?

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**Carer's Allowance:**

Do you support reviewing the Carer's Allowance/Grant, including abolishing the means-test and increasing the payment in line with inflation?

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**Employment Opportunities:**

What policies will you implement to improve employment opportunities for people with MS, including remote work options and vocational rehabilitation?

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**Transport Support:**

Will you support the implementation of a new Transport Support Scheme to replace the Mobility Allowance and Motorised Transport grants?

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**Tax Relief Scheme:**

How will you assess and potentially broaden the eligibility criteria for the Drivers and Passengers with Disabilities - Tax Relief Scheme?

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**Primary Medical Certificate:**

Will you work to expand the eligibility criteria for the Primary Medical Certificate to take account of non-linear conditions such as MS?

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**Housing Strategy:**

How will you ensure the delivery of the National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022- 2027, including increased funding for home adaptations?

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**Neurology Services:**

What steps will you take to address the shortage of neurologists and ensure timely access to neurology services such as an MS nurse specialist for people with MS?

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**Neurorehabilitation Strategy:**

How will you support the full implementation of the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy?

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**MS Registry Funding:**

Will you advocate for funding to develop a comprehensive MS registry in Ireland to enhance our understanding and care strategies for MS?

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