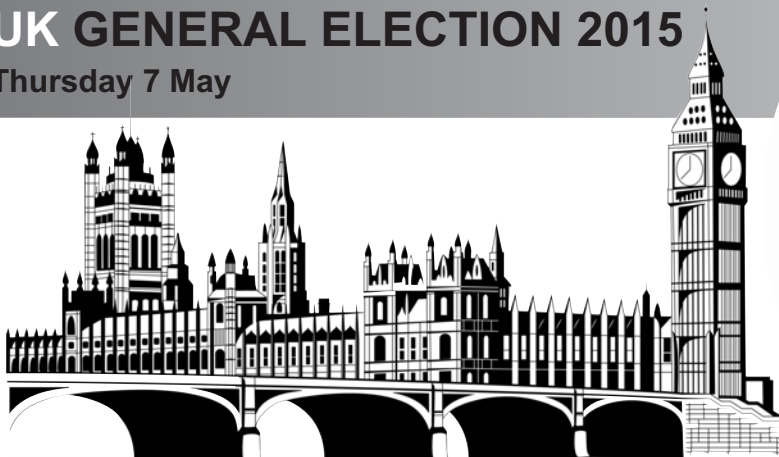


UK GENERAL ELECTION 2015

Thursday 7 May



Why does this election matter?

Even though health matters are devolved to the National Assembly there are some key issues for people with a serious mental illness and their carers which are addressed by Parliament. These include:

Benefits: delivering a fair system that affords people who cannot work a decent quality of life

Employment: giving people with a mental illness the support they need to retain or return to work

Criminal justice: ensuring that people with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system receive the support they need

What should I be asking my local candidates?

Ask your local candidates about any local or national issues that are important to you. These are some suggested questions about the main issues:

- How will you ensure that the benefits system is fair to people with a serious mental illness, providing them with a decent income and not placing undue pressure on them to return to work when they are too ill?
- How will you give people with serious mental illness opportunities to stay in or return to work and how will you tackle stigma in the workplace?
- Do you support the argument that no-one with a serious mental illness should be held in a prison cell?
- How will you support the Assembly Government to deliver better mental health services?

How should I approach my candidate?

- Find out who your local candidates are by visiting ukpollingreport.co.uk
- Ring or Email your candidate's office – you could visit their office either on your own or in a group
- If you meet your candidate be specific with your questions and get them to guarantee what their party will do – record what they say, or why not get them to write it down?
- Follow up your visit with a letter to emphasise your points

Remember to have your say and **use your vote!**

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