



## General Election 2019

### **RCSLT General Election asks of candidates and parties**

#### **Better lives for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs – joint asks with I CAN**

Improve the lives of all children and young people by developing and implementing a cross-government strategy which includes their speech, language and communication.

A joint plan for speech, language and communication in each Integrated Care System.

Offer all new teachers training in supporting children's speech, language and communication and identifying need.

Train staff working in alternative provision, the care system, the justice system and mental health teams on how to recognise and support vulnerable young people with communication needs, with speech and language therapy for those who need it.

#### **Better lives for people with communication and swallowing needs**

Guarantee community health services to ensure prompt and safe discharge from hospital.

Address the shortage identified by NHS England in professions such as speech and language therapy.

Integrate acute, community, mental health and care services including safely sharing data.

Use the full range of health professionals in Integrated Care Systems.

#### **Improved equality of access and opportunity for people with communication needs**

Require the public sector and encourage others to create environments that are accessible to those with communication needs.

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