

# **General Election campaign – the Scottish Liberal Democrats launch their campaign**

**Liberal Democrat leader Sir Ed Davey and Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, today officially launched the Scottish party's campaign for the 2024 General Election.**

The pair held a rally with candidates and activists in North Queensferry, beneath the iconic Forth Bridge, to set out how the party is targeting the “acid yellow wall of the SNP” to win the change Scotland desperately needs.

They also highlighted how NHS dentistry has been left to rot all across the UK, leaving millions without the care they need.

Liberal Democrat leader Ed Davey said: “Just like the Conservatives, the SNP have got to go. They have failed Scotland for far too long. They’ve shown people that they can’t be trusted with the economy, our NHS, the environment or our place in the world.

“It’s clear that in many parts of Scotland it is the Scottish Liberal Democrats who can get the SNP out. This election is our chance to deliver the change Scotland desperately needs.

“Our strong local champions will stand up for their communities and fight for a fair deal.

“Take dentistry, where people the length and breadth of the UK are finding they can’t see an NHS dentist. It’s a national scandal that children’s teeth are left to rot and people are forced to carry out their own dental work. It’s time to end dental deserts and bring back local NHS dentists right across the UK.

“Getting you fast access to an NHS dentist is at the heart of our offer to voters at this election. A vote for the Liberal Democrats is a vote to save NHS dentistry.”



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Liberal Democrat Leader, Sir Ed Davey joined Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, Alex Cole Hamilton, Susan Murray the candidate for Mid Dunbartonshire and Christine Jardine MP in North Queensferry for the Scottish launch of the General Election Campaign 2024.

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Scottish Liberal Democrat leader Alex Cole-Hamilton told the crowd: "Right here in Fife there isn't a single NHS dentist currently open to new patients.

"People are resorting to DIY dentistry and buying tools off Amazon to do the job themselves because they can't get an NHS dentist. Some Ukrainians have even travelled back to Kyiv for dental care because the air raid sirens, drone strikes and cruise missiles are less daunting than the waits in Scotland's NHS.

"The SNP promised to scrap dental charges, but instead they have introduced new charges and doubled the price of some procedures. Dentists are being driven away from the NHS because working with this SNP Government is harder than pulling teeth.

"No matter how much pain you are in, seeing an NHS dentist in Scotland is harder than ever before. It's a stark reminder of how the SNP make empty promises and can't get the basics right.

"Under the SNP the NHS is on its knees, our schools have slipped down the international rankings, and the government-owned water company is dumping sewage on our beaches and in rivers like the Forth.

"People have had enough and the Scottish Liberal Democrats are on the side of everyone tired of SNP neglect."





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