



# Our Manifesto

The next Government in Holyrood has a real opportunity to lead the way in transforming care for more than 30,000 people with coeliac disease in Scotland. With the right action now, we can deliver faster diagnosis, better support and a fairer system that helps everyone with coeliac disease to live well.



## **Deliver a “Once for Scotland” pathway:**

Scotland has pioneered an innovative national coeliac disease pathway yet implementation remains uneven across Health Boards. Its adoption nationally would ensure consistent, rapid diagnosis and equitable post-diagnosis support.



## **Equip and Empower Scotland's Workforce**

Evidence shows low awareness among clinicians of coeliac symptoms, testing protocols and prevalence. Targeted training for GPs, pharmacists and allied health professionals, supported by national clinical leadership, would improve early recognition and reduce long-standing diagnostic delays.



## **Strengthen diagnostics & reduce delays:**

Despite progress, waits for endoscopy in Scotland continue to exceed targets. Expanding no-biopsy diagnosis where clinically appropriate, standardising serology reporting and introducing coeliac-specific endoscopy lists would ensure earlier, more accurate diagnosis.



## **Guarantee High-Quality Post-Diagnosis Support**

Access to dietetic services remains inconsistent, with many patients not receiving annual reviews. Increasing specialist dietetic capacity and embedding structured follow-up—supported by digital tools—would help individuals manage their condition safely and reduce complications



## **Commission a National Review of Coeliac Services**

With new BSG guidance imminent, Scotland has a timely opportunity to lead the UK in best practice. A national review aligned with this guidance would assess variation, workforce gaps and diagnostic performance, providing a roadmap for improving outcomes for the 1 in 100 affected.