

Suggested questions to ask parliamentary candidates:

These example questions can help guide your conversations with local parliamentary candidates. Keep your questions concise and clear, and where possible, share your personal experiences – this can make your message more impactful and memorable.

General questions:

- Coeliac disease affects 1 in 100 people, yet only one-third are diagnosed. How will you improve early diagnosis?
- Only around 60% of patients with coeliac disease receive an NHS annual review. How will you ensure consistent follow up care?
- 22% of people with coeliac disease report seeing no dietitian after diagnosis. What actions would you take to improve access to specialist dietary support?
- Diagnosis rates are 80% lower amongst children from more deprived backgrounds. What would you do to address this inequality in diagnosis and care?
- On average it takes 13 years from the onset of symptoms to receive a diagnosis for an adult, how would you support GPs to decrease this time?
- Will you sign Coeliac UK's pledge to champion faster diagnosis, consistent care, and better long-term support for people with coeliac disease?
- Will you commit to meeting local patients with coeliac disease?

Scotland-specific questions:

- In Scotland, around 30,000 people are still undiagnosed with coeliac disease. What measures would you support to identify and diagnose these individuals more effectively?
- Waiting times for gastroscopy have increased by 65% since 2020 for patients waiting longer than 6 weeks, what will you do to reduce delays and ensure timely diagnosis?
- How will you ensure all Scottish Health Boards adopt a consistent coeliac disease pathway and strengthen access to gluten free food service and annual care?

Wales-specific questions:

- Around 20,000 people in Wales are estimated to be living with undiagnosed coeliac disease. What would you do to improve diagnosis rates across the country?

- Waiting times for gastroscopy have increased by 300% since 2020 for patients waiting longer than 8 weeks, what will you do to reduce delays and ensure timely diagnosis?
- How will you support the adoption of the Gluten Free Subsidy Card scheme across Wales?

Contact & sign the pledge

To discuss these proposals or to sign our pledge, please contact: [Tristan Humphreys](mailto:Tristan.Humphreys@coeliac.org.uk)
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