



Our Manifesto

The next Welsh Government has a real opportunity to lead the way in transforming care for more than 30,000 people with coeliac disease in Wales. 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 Wales” pathway:**

Wales faces long diagnostic delays and variation in care. A unified national pathway would standardise diagnosis, follow-up care and integrate with the Gluten Free Subsidy Card Scheme..

✓ **Equip the NHS workforce to better diagnose and support patients**

Low awareness of coeliac disease symptoms and testing criteria leads to misdiagnosis and delays. Training for GPs and allied health professionals, supported by a national clinical lead, would improve early recognition and strengthen clinical leadership.

✓ **Provide Earlier, Faster and Fairer Diagnosis**

Despite progress, waits for endoscopy in Wales 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**

Many patients lack timely dietetic follow-up and annual reviews. Expanding dietetic-led services and integrating support with the Gluten Free Subsidy Card Scheme would ensure all patients receive the help they need to stay well.

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

With new BSG guidance imminent, Wales 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.