

# King's Speech Analysis



A COMPARISON OF THE KING'S SPEECH AND  
LABOUR'S ELECTION MANIFESTO

# Overview

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, HM King Charles III addressed both Houses of Parliament in the King's Speech, setting out the new Labour Government's legislative agenda for this Parliamentary session.

'Unsurprising' is the word that will define this King's Speech. Policies and legislation largely stuck to the tenets of Labour's 'first steps for change', centred on the overarching need for sustainable economic growth. Ahead of the King's Speech, the Government released a press release stating that it would use its mandate for change to "put economic growth at the heart of its legislative agenda". Content in the King's Speech had been well-trailed and did not include any surprises, in a considered effort by Labour to move away from the politics of the previous government and present itself as consistent in its governance.

As is common with any King's Speech, some legislation that ran out of time in the previous Parliamentary session has been carried over, including the Conservatives' Tobacco and Vapes Bill, which will introduce a staggered ban on the sale of tobacco products.

The real challenge Starmer faces is achieving his lofty ambitions of passing 40 pieces of legislation. Even for a government with such a large majority there are only a certain number of days in the Parliamentary calendar, and Starmer will want to capitalise on this majority as soon as he can. The coming weeks and months will be vital for Starmer to demonstrate how serious he is in enacting his mandate, and passing legislation into law, all while allowing Parliament to effectively scrutinise every Bill.

→ This document looks at every piece of legislation announced in the King's Speech and compares it to what was committed to in the Party's Election Manifesto.



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## What was announced?

### Budget Responsibility Bill

- Ensure any significant and permanent tax and spending changes are subject to an independent assessment by the OBR.
- Reinforce market credibility by preventing large-scale unfunded spending commitments that are not subject to an OBR fiscal assessment.

### National Wealth Fund Bill

- Create the National Wealth Fund that will directly invest in the priority sectors set out in the manifesto in every corner of the country.
- The National Wealth Fund will begin investments immediately through the UK Infrastructure Bank, expanding its remit and providing an additional £7.3 billion to catalyse private investment.

### Bank Resolution (Recapitalisation) Bill

- Expand the statutory function of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) so that it provides funds to the Bank of England upon request, to be used where necessary to support the resolution of a failing bank.
- Allow the FSCS to recover the funds provided by charging levies on the banking sector.
- Give the Bank of England an express ability to require a bank in resolution to issue new shares, facilitating the use of FSCS funds to meet a failing bank's recapitalisation costs.

### Pension Schemes Bill

- Prevent people losing track of pension pots through the consolidation of Defined Contribution individual deferred small pension pots.
- Ensure all members are saving into pension schemes, delivering value through the Value for Money framework.
- Require pension schemes to offer retirement products so people have a pension, and not just a savings pot, after they stop work.
- Consolidate the Defined Benefit market through commercial Superfunds.
- Reaffirm the Pensions Ombudsman as a competent court.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Kickstarting economic growth

##### → **Deliver economic stability through tough spending rules.**

- A new 10-year industrial strategy, which will work in partnership with industry.
- Establish the Office for Value for Money to ensure taxpayer money is well spent.

#### Financial Services

- Create a new Regulatory Innovation Office to help regulators update regulation.
- Reverse the Conservatives' decision to prevent the Bank of England giving due consideration to climate change.
- **Establish a National Wealth Fund to support economic growth.**
- Create the conditions to support innovation and growth in the sector, through supporting new technology, including Open Banking and Open Finance.
- Mandate UK-regulated financial institutions and FTSE 100 companies to develop and implement credible transition plans that align with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.

#### Pensions

- **Increase investment from pension funds in UK markets.**
- **Review the pensions landscape to discover what further steps are needed to improve outcomes.**

#### International finance

- Work with international financial centres to tackle corruption and money laundering, including in Britain, Crown Dependencies, and in British Overseas Territories.

# Corporate Governance & Workers' Rights

## What was announced?

### Employment Rights Bill

- Introduce the measures of Labour's New Deal for Working People in full, including banning exploitative zero-hour contracts, ending 'Fire and Rehire'.
- Establish a new Single Enforcement Body, known as a Fair Work Agency, to strengthen workplace rights and update trade union legislation, including around minimum services.

### Arbitration Bill

- Clarify the law applicable to arbitration agreements that do not arise from investor-state agreements.
- Codify a duty on arbitrators to disclose the circumstances that might give rise to justifiable doubts about their impartiality.
- Empower courts to make orders in support of emergency arbitrators.

### Draft Audit Reform and Corporate Governance Bill

- Replace the Financial Reporting Council with a new regulator, the Audit, Reporting and Governance Authority, with additional powers to tackle bad financial reporting.
- Remove unnecessary rules on smaller Public Interest Entities and grant powers to the Audit, Reporting and Governance Authority to investigate and sanction company directors for serious failures in relation to their financial reporting and audit responsibilities.

### Product Safety and Smart Data Bill

- Support growth and provide regulatory stability by responding to new product risks and opportunities to enable the UK to keep pace with technological advances.
- Ensure that the law can be updated to recognise new or updated EU product regulations, including the CE marking.

### Draft Equality (Race and Disability) Bill

- Enshrine in law the full right to equal pay for ethnic minorities and disabled people, making it easier for them to bring forward unequal pay claims.
- Introduce mandatory ethnicity and disability pay reporting for larger employers (staff sizes of 250 and more) to help close the ethnicity and disability pay gap.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Working Conditions

- **Ban exploitative zero hours contracts; end fire and rehire; and introduce basic rights from day one to parental leave, sick pay, and protection from unfair dismissal.**
- **Make sure the minimum wage is a genuine living wage, by changing the remit of the independent Low Pay Commission so that for the first time it accounts for the cost of living.**
- **Remove the discriminatory age bands, so that all adults are entitled to the same minimum wage.**
- Create a partnership between business and trade unions, introducing legislation within 100 days.

## What was announced?

### Great British Energy Bill

- Create GB Energy, a publicly-owned clean power company that will facilitate and encourage the production, distribution, storage and supply of clean energy.
- The Bill will give GB Energy capitalisation of £8.3 billion of new money over the Parliament.

### Sustainable Aviation Fuel (Revenue Support Mechanism) Bill

- Introduce a revenue certainty mechanism for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) who are looking to invest in new plants in the UK.

### Water (Special Measures) Bill

- Strengthen regulation to ensure water bosses face personal criminal liability for lawbreaking.
- Give the water regulatory new powers to ban the payment of bonuses if environment standards are not met.
- Boost the accountability for water executives through a new 'code of conduct' for water companies.
- Introduce new powers to bring automatic and severe fines, and require water companies to install real-time monitors at every sewage outlet with data independently scrutinised by the water regulators.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

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| Great British Energy         | → Create a publicly-owned clean power company that is designed to cut bills for households and boost energy security.                                         |
|                              | → Capitalise Great British Energy with £8.3 billion over the next Parliament.                                                                                 |
|                              | → Great British Energy will partner with energy companies, local authorities and co-operatives to install thousands of clean power projects.                  |
|                              | • Help create 650,000 new high-quality jobs.                                                                                                                  |
| Oil and gas project licenses | → No new oil and gas project licenses, but honour existing ones.                                                                                              |
| Energy Independence Act      | • Create a new Energy Independence Act that will establish the framework of Labour's energy and climate policies.                                             |
| Water pollution              | → Put failing water companies under special measures to clean up water.                                                                                       |
|                              | → Give regulators new powers to block the payment of bonuses to executives who pollute waterways, and bring criminal charges against persistent law breakers. |

## What was announced?

### Digital Information and Smart Data Bill

- Establish the Digital Verification Services to support the creation and adoption of secure and trusted digital identity products and services.
- Develop a National Underground Asset Register, a new digital map that revolutionises the way pipes and cables buried underground are installed and maintained.
- Set up Smart Data schemes which secure sharing of customer's data upon their request.
- Modernise and strengthen the ICO with a modern regulatory structure.

### Cyber Security and Resilience Bill

- Strengthen defences and ensure that more essential digital services are protected by expanding the remit of existing regulation.
- Provide regulators with greater resources to ensure cyber safety measures are implemented.
- Mandate increased incident reporting to give government better data on cyber-attacks.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Artificial Intelligence

- **Create a National Data Library to bring together research programmes and deliver data-driven public services.**
- Ensure the new Industrial Strategy supports the development of the AI sector, removing planning barriers to new datacentres.

#### 5G

- Make a renewed push to fulfil the ambition of full gigabit and national 5G coverage by 2030.

## What was announced?

### Planning and Infrastructure Bill

- Streamline the delivery process for critical infrastructure, including accelerating upgrades to the national grid and boosting renewable energy.
- Reform compulsory purchase compensation rules to ensure that compensation paid to landowners is fair.
- Improve local planning decision making by modernising planning committees.
- Increase local planning authorities' capacities.

### Renter's Rights Bill

- Overhaul the private rented sector including abolishing 'no fault' evictions, strengthening tenants' rights and protections, and giving tenants the right to request a pet.
- Establish a Decent Homes Standard that will be applied to the private rented sector as well to ensure rented housing quality. Also apply 'Awaab's Law' to ensure that legal expectations are set in which safety measures must be incorporated into homes.
- Strengthen local councils' enforcement powers.

### Draft Leasehold and Commonhold Reform Bill

- Enact remaining Law Commission recommendations to bolster leaseholders' rights, including to extend their lease and buy the freehold.
- Reinvigorate commonhold by modernising the legal framework.
- Regulate ground rents.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

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| Housebuilding            | → Build 1.5 million attractive homes over the next Parliament.                                                                                                   |
|                          | → Prioritise development on brownfield sites and restore mandatory housing targets.                                                                              |
|                          | → Require all Combined and Mayoral Authorities to strategically plan for housing growth in their areas.                                                          |
|                          | → Update the National Policy Planning Framework, including restoring mandatory housing targets.                                                                  |
| Housing market           | → Raise the stamp duty surcharge on non-UK residents to appoint 300 new planning officers.                                                                       |
|                          | → Introduce a comprehensive, annually updated National Landlords Register (NLR).                                                                                 |
| Planning                 | → Immediately update the National Policy Planning Framework.                                                                                                     |
|                          | → Speed up the planning for critically important infrastructure.                                                                                                 |
|                          | → Fast track the planning process for priority growth areas of the economy.                                                                                      |
|                          | → Ensure that planning authorities have up-to-date Local Plans and reform and strengthen the presumption in favour of sustainable development.                   |
|                          | → Commit to preserving the green belt by releasing the lower quality 'grey belt'.                                                                                |
| Leaseholders and renters | → Introduce 'golden rules' to ensure development benefits communities & nature.                                                                                  |
|                          | → Review how to better protect leaseholders from costs on issues related to building safety.                                                                     |
|                          | → Enact the package of Law Commission proposals on leasehold enfranchisement, right to manage and commonhold.                                                    |
|                          | → Take steps to ban leasehold flats and ensure commonhold is the default tenure.                                                                                 |
|                          | → Protect renters from arbitrary evictions, including abolishing Section 21 'no fault' evictions.                                                                |
|                          | → Provide powers to renters to challenge unreasonable rent increases and take steps to raise standards, including extending 'Awaab's law' to the private sector. |

## What was announced?

### Skills England Bill

- Transfer the functions from the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) to the newly created Skills England.
- Skills England will convene employers, unions, education and training providers and experts to develop a single picture of national and local skills needs and identify the training for which the Growth and Skills Levy will be accessible.

### Children's Wellbeing Bill

- Require free breakfast clubs in every primary school.
- Introduce legislation to limit the number of branded items of uniform and PE kits that a school requires.
- Create a duty on local authorities to have and maintain Child Not in School registers, and provide support to home-educating parents.
- Make changes to the legislation about regulating and inspecting independent schools, including by providing Ofsted stronger powers to investigate the offence of operating an unregistered independent school.
- Require all schools to cooperate with the local authority on school admissions, SEND inclusion and place planning.
- Ensure greater consistencies between academies and maintained schools by requiring all schools to teach the national curriculum.

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### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

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| <b>Skills England</b>                    | → <b>Establish Skills England to bring together businesses, training providers and others to ensure workforces have the skills required.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Apprenticeships</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broaden existing Apprenticeship Levy into a Growth and Skills Levy, allowing firms to use up to 50% of their levy contributions to fund training through routes other than apprenticeships.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Schools and teachers</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Free breakfast clubs in every primary school.</b></li> <li>→ <b>Limit the number of branded items of uniform or PE kit that schools can require.</b></li> <li>• Recruit 6500 new teachers.</li> <li>• Reinstate the School Support Staff Negotiating Body to establish a national T&amp;Cs handbook, training, career progression routes and fair pay rates for support staff.</li> <li>• Introduce VAT on private schools.</li> <li>• Review the way bursaries are allocated and the "structure of retention payments".</li> </ul> |
| <b>Curriculum</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <b>Support children to study a creative or vocational subject until they are 16, and "ensure accountability measures reflect this".</b></li> <li>→ <b>Bring multi-academy trusts "into the inspection system".</b></li> <li>• Launch an expert-led review of curriculum and assessment, "working with school staff, parents and employers".</li> <li>• Fund "evidence-based" early-language interventions in primary schools.</li> </ul>                                                                                               |
| <b>SEND, inclusion and mental health</b> | → <b>Provide access to specialist mental health professionals in every school.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Nurseries</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open an additional 3,334 nurseries through upgrading space in primary schools.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## What was announced?

### Passenger Railway Services (Public Ownership) Bill

- Begin transferring train operations to the public sector.
- Reform compulsory purchase compensation rules to ensure that compensation paid to landowners is fair.
- Improve local planning decision making by modernising planning committees.
- Increase local planning authorities' capacities.

### Better Buses Bill

- Remove barriers to limit bus franchising powers so that communities take control of buses.
- Accelerate the bus franchising process by supporting local leaders to deliver bus services.
- Support public ownership by removing the ban on publicly owned bus companies, as well as empower local transport authorities and reform bus funding.

### High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill

- Improve rail infrastructure in Manchester and the surrounding area, including new stations at Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport.

### Railways Bill

- Enact further legislative changes to reform the rail sector and bring it into public ownership.
- Bring together the management of the network and the delivery of passenger services into a single public body, Great British Railways.
- Create a new passenger watchdog, the Passengers Standards Authority, and provide it with powers to monitor standards and champion improvement.

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### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Roads

- **Provide local leaders with new powers to franchise local bus services.**
- £320m pledge spread over 5-years to fix potholes, which will be funded by shelving the A27 bypass in West Sussex.
  - Request the CMA and FCA to investigate car insurance pricing.
  - Restore the phase-out date of 2030 for new cars with internal combustion engines.
  - Support buyers of second-hand electric cars by standardising the information supplied on battery conditions.

#### Rail

- **Establish Great British Railways to unify governance structures, and bring train operators under public ownership and control.**

#### Aviation

- **Secure the UK aviation industry's long-term future by promoting sustainable aviation fuels and encouraging airspace modernisation.**

#### Strategy

- **Give mayors the power to create unified and integrated transport systems.**
- **Create a long-term strategy for transport to ensure new transport infrastructure can be created efficiently and on time.**

# Home Affairs, Justice & Immigration

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What was announced?

## Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill

- Create the new Border Security Command and provide it, and wider law enforcement, the tools and powers to crack down on criminal gangs.
- Provide a deterrent and penalty to those involved in organising immigration crime.

## Crime and Policing Bill

- Rebuild neighbourhood policing.
- Deliver higher policing standards including by expanding the powers of HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services.
- Introduce new Respect Orders to tackle anti-social behaviour, and fast-track Public Spaces Protection Orders.

## Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill

- Require those responsible for certain premises and events to take steps to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack and reduce harm in the event of an attack.
- Measures required vary according to the capacity of the premises or event.

## Victims, Courts and Public Protection Bill

- Strengthen the powers for the Victims' Commissioner to protect victims.
- Reduce delays in the courts system by allowing Associate Prosecutors to work on appropriate cases.

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## Labour's Manifesto Commitments

### Illegal Migration

- **End the Migration and Economic Development partnership with Rwanda and use the money saved to create a new Border Security Command, with hundreds of new investigators, intelligence officers, and cross-border police officers.**
- **Commit that the UK will unequivocally remain a member of the European Convention on Human Rights.**
- **Hire additional caseworkers to clear the Conservatives' backlog and end asylum hotels.**
- Set up a new returns and enforcement unit, with an additional 1,000 staff, to fast-track removals to safe countries for people who do not have the right to stay in the UK.
- **Negotiate additional returns arrangements to speed up returns and increase the number of safe countries that failed asylum seekers can swiftly be sent back to.**

### Legal Migration

- **Reduce net migration**
- Reform the points-based immigration system so that it is fair and properly managed, with appropriate restrictions on visas, and by linking immigration and skills policy.
- Strengthen the Migration Advisory Committee and establish a framework for joint working with skills bodies.

### Crime

- **Crack down on antisocial behaviour with more neighbourhood police.**
- **Introduce new Respect Orders to clamp down on antisocial behaviour.**
- Halve knife crime in a decade.
- **Introduce a new criminal offence for spiking.**
- **Introduce a new expanded fraud strategy to tackle the full range of threats.**

## What was announced?

### Armed Forces Commissioner Bill

- Create an Armed Forces Commissioner that will be a new and independent contact point for serving personnel.
- Strengthen parliamentary oversight of issues facing Armed Forces personnel.
- Provide the Armed Forces Commissioner with authority to access information and MoD sites as appropriate, including to inspect accommodation, kit standards, childcare arrangements and other issues that may impact service and family life.

### Northern Ireland Legacy Legislation

- Repeal the conditional immunity scheme and reverse the policy prohibiting victims and families from bringing civil claims.
- Set out steps to allow the Troubles-era inquests that were prematurely halted.

### Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and International Committee of the Red Cross (Status) Bill

- Change the status of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) so they are comparable to an international organisation of which the UK is a member.
- Enable specific privileges and immunities to be conferred on the CPA and ICRC and ensure that confidential information provided by the ICRC and held by the UK Government be exempt from legal disclosure requirements.

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### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Foreign alliances

- **Maintain an unshakeable commitment to the UK's nuclear deterrent.**
- **Reset the relationship and seek to deepen ties with our European allies.**
- **Use the UK's unique position in NATO, the UN, G7, G20 and the Commonwealth to address the threats we face, and to uphold human rights and international law.**
- Continue to work with the United States on the basis of our shared values and common interests including on economic co-operation, defence and intelligence.
- Fully commit to AUKUS, the trilateral security partnership with Australia and the US.
- Work with our allies and international financial centres to tackle corruption and money laundering, including in Britain, Crown Dependencies, and in British Overseas Territories.

#### Defence

- **Launch a Strategic Defence Review to assess the threats the UK faces and the capabilities needed to address them.**
- **Strengthen support for our Armed Forces communities by putting the Armed Forces Covenant fully into law and establishing an independent Armed Forces Commissioner.**
- Bring forward a defence industrial strategy aligning our security and economic priorities.
- Prioritise UK businesses for defence investment and will reform procurement to reduce waste.
- Establish a fully functioning military strategic headquarters and a national armaments director to create a strong defence centre.
- Support efforts to hold Putin's Russia to account for its illegal war, backing calls for a Special Tribunal for the Crime of Aggression.
- Play a leading role in providing Ukraine with a clear path to NATO membership.

## What was announced?

### English Devolution Bill

- Set out a more ambitious standardised devolution framework into legislation to give local leaders greater powers over the levers of local growth, including strategic planning, transport networks, skills and employment support.
- Make it easier to provide devolved powers to areas through a simplified process for creating new Combined and Combined County Authorities.

### The Crown Estate Bill

- Grant The Crown Estate the power to borrow and widen The Crown Estate's existing investment powers to enable investment in activities which complement its strategy and support wider government policy objectives.
- Increase the maximum number of Commissioners on The Crown Estate Board from 8 to 12.

### House of Lords (Hereditary Peers) Bill

- Remove Hereditary peers' rights to sit and vote in the House of Lords.

### Lords Spiritual (Women) Act 2015 (Extension) Bill

- Whenever a vacancy arises amongst the 21 bishops in the House of Lords (excluding The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, and the Bishops of London, Durham and Winchester), the position will continue to be filled by a female diocesan bishop if one is available.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Devolution

- Ensure the structures and institutions of inter-governmental working improve relationships and collaboration on policy.
- Strengthen the Sewel Convention by setting out a new memorandum of understanding outlining how the nations will work together.
- Establish a new Council of the Nations and Regions to improve collaboration between the Prime Minister, Heads of Devolved Government and Mayors of Combined Authorities.
- Discuss a fiscal framework for Northern Ireland.

#### House of Lords reform

- **Remove the right of hereditary peers to sit and vote in the House of Lords.**
- Introduce a mandatory retirement age of 80 for peers.
- Introduce a new participation requirement as well as strengthening circumstances in which disgraced members can be removed.
- Reform the appointments process to ensure the quality of new appointments.
- Seek to improve the national and regional balance of the second chamber.

#### Democratic participation

- Improve voter registration and address the inconsistencies in voter ID rules.
- Increase engagement by giving 16- and 17-year-olds the vote.
- Strengthen the rules around donations to political parties.

## What was announced?

### Football Governance Bill

- Establish a new independent regulator to address financial sustainability challenges in the football sector, and ensure fans' voices are heard.
- Introduce financial regulation to improve the financial resilience of clubs across the football pyramid.
- Create a new strengthened owners' and directors' test to make sure a clubs' custodians are suitable and protect the fans from irresponsible owners.
- Require clubs to seek the regulator's approval for a stadium sale or relocation.

### Holocaust Memorial Bill

- Authorise the expenditure on the construction, maintenance and operation of the Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.
- Disapply the relevant sections of the London County Council (Improvements) Act 1900 to ensure that this legislation is no longer an obstacle preventing the building of a memorial in Victoria Tower Gardens.

## → Feat. in Speech

### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Football governance

- **Reform football governance to protect football clubs across communities and to give fans greater say in the way they are run.**
- **Introduce a Football Governance Bill, which will establish an independent regulator to ensure financial sustainability of football clubs in England.**

#### Media and Creative Industries

- Implement Labour's creative industries sector plan as part of the Industrial Strategy, creating good jobs and accelerating growth in film, music, farming, and other creative sectors.
- Work constructively with the BBC and other public service broadcasters so they continue to inform, educate and entertain.
- Launch a new National Music Education Network.
- Introduce new consumer protections on ticket resales to protect fans from ticket touting.

#### Culture

- Improve access to cultural assets by requiring publicly funded national museums and galleries to increase the loans they make from their collections to communities across the country.

## What was announced?

### Tobacco and Vapes Bill

- Introduce a progressive smoking ban to gradually end the sale of tobacco products across the country.
- Stop vapes and other nicotine products from being deliberately branded and advertised to appeal to children.
- Strengthen enforcement activity, allowing Trading Standards to take swifter action to enforce the law and close loopholes.

### Mental Health Bill

- Ensure that detention and treatment under the Mental Health Act takes place only when necessary by revising the detention criteria to ensure that people are detained if they pose a risk of serious harm to themselves or others.
- Limit the extent to which people with a learning disability and/or autistic people can be detained and treated under the Mental Health Act, and support such individuals to live fulfilling lives.
- Add statutory weight to patients' rights to be involved with planning for their care.
- Strengthen and improve the statutory role which protect and support those who are detained through the introduction of a new statutory role, the nominated person chosen by a patient, to replace the nearest relative.
- Remove police stations and prisons as places of safety under the Mental Health Act.

### Draft Conversion Practices Bill

- Propose new offences to target acts of conversion practices that are not currently captured by existing legislation. Those providing medical care and support will be in no way impacted by this Bill.
- Then ban will not cover legitimate psychological support, treatment or non-direct counselling.

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### Labour's Manifesto Commitments

#### Build an NHS fit for the future

→ **Implement the recommendations of the Cass Review to ensure that young people presenting gender dysphoria are receiving high-quality care.**

- Cut NHS waiting times with 40,000 more appointments every week.
- Patients should expect to wait no longer than 18 weeks from referral for consultant-led treatment of non-urgent health conditions.
- Double the number of cancer scanners.
- A new Dentistry Rescue Plan.
- The return of the family doctor.
- Harness the power of AI to transform the speed and accuracy of diagnostics.
- Train thousands more midwives as part of the NHS Workforce Plan and set an explicit target to close the Black and Asian maternal mortality gap.

#### Social Care

- Create a National Care Service, underpinned by national standards.

#### Mental Health

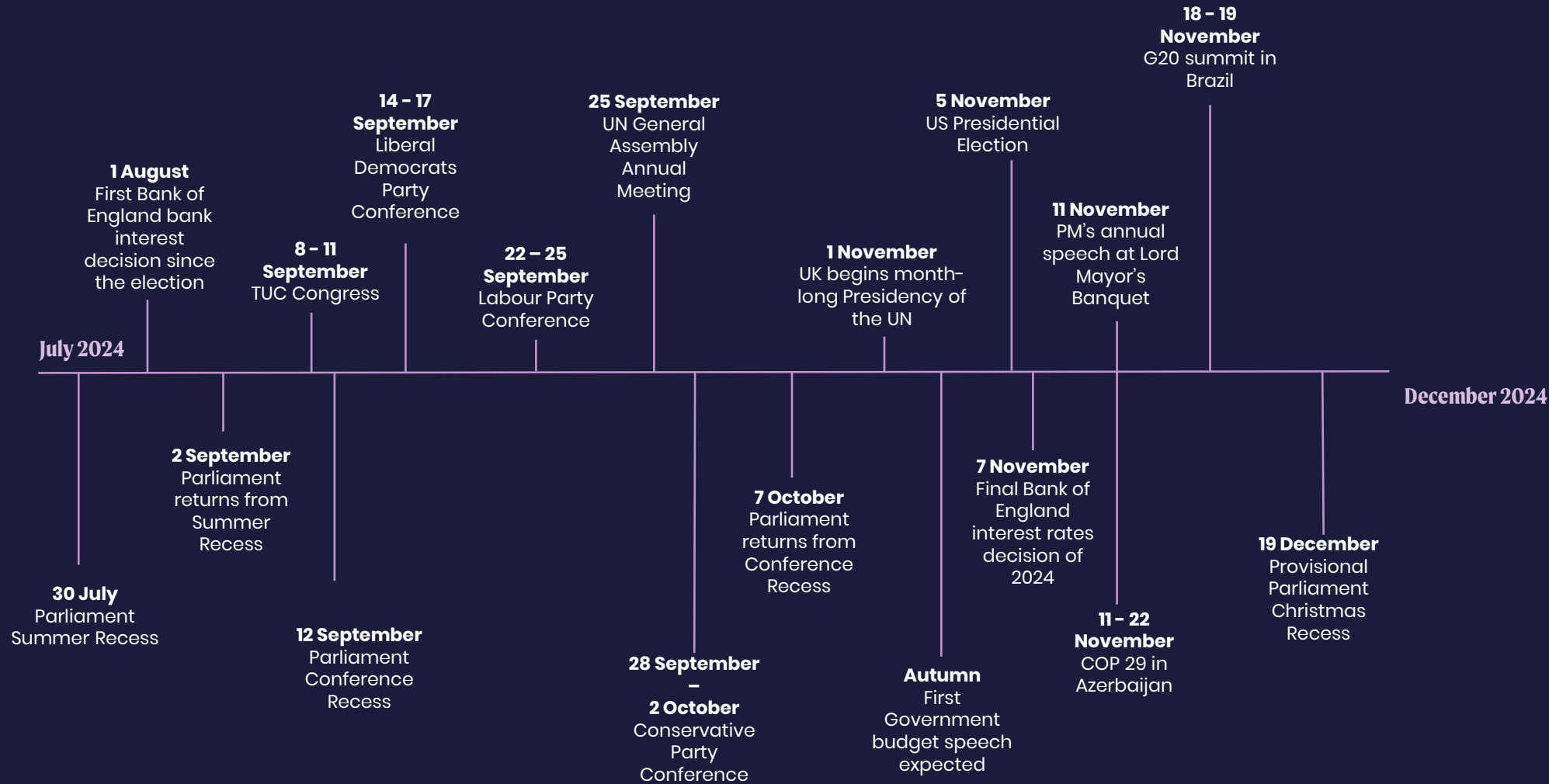
→ **Modernise legislation, including the Mental Health Act, to give patients greater choice, autonomy, enhanced rights and support.**

- Recruit 8,500 additional mental health staff.

#### Create a new Life Sciences Plan

- Include an NHS innovation and adaption strategy in England, including a plan for procurement, to drive innovation and faster regulatory approval for new technology and medicine.
- Simplify and expedite the clinical trials process, as well as speeding up recruitment.

# Timeline



# About us

We live in a time when, as an organisation, decisions on how to communicate purpose, advocate for change and respond to unfolding events make a substantial difference to how people view you. As we enter another significant and potentially turbulent year in British politics, now more than ever, the importance of building deep relationships across all stakeholders is paramount.

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Digital Communication

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