

Karen Robson

*Conservative Assembly candidate
for Cardiff South and Penarth*

Putting Social Justice First

The NHS is the jewel in the crown of our public services and Welsh Conservatives are determined to restore public and professional confidence in it.

- Despite record spending under Labour we have also had record failures.
- Hospital waiting lists are up.
- NHS trusts are deep in debt.
- Less than half the adult population is registered with an NHS dentist.
- And Labour has ditched a manifesto pledge to provide free home care for disabled people.

This is just part of Labour's record over the last 8 years.

We believe that doctors and nurses, not bureaucrats, should run our NHS.

We will establish community based nursing provision, fully fund the Children's Hospital and end the postcode lottery for drug access.

We will prioritise Mental Health services, so often the poor relation of health care.

Karen said, "Working with people with Mental Health difficulties I am horrified by the lack of local services. One in our people will experience Mental Health issues and at the very least should be confident that at such times support is available. Focusing on health inequality will be key to our strategy."

Making a difference in our community *yn gwneud gwahaniaeth yn ein cymuned*

Supporting our Pensioners.

Every pensioner household will benefit by receiving a £100 a year rebate from their Council Tax bills as a first step. Average bills have almost doubled under Labour and will rise by more than England in the next 12 months.

Welsh Conservatives are determined to ease the burden of high bills on those who can least afford to pay. Pensioners and those on fixed incomes have been hit hardest by the massive rises. It's essential that we support our elderly to live in dignity and retain their independence.

Welsh Conservatives are determined to get council tax back to sustainable levels, restore confidence in the system and help those on fixed incomes. This will make a real difference to the lives of pensioners across Cardiff South and Penarth.

Save our Post Offices and our communities.

Post Offices play a vital role in our communities yet under Labour almost 300 have closed in Wales and others in our constituency are facing closure. We will reinstate the PO Development Fund and protect key local services

Vote Blue Go Green.

We believe that climate change is the most important challenge facing us today and along with the NHS, we are putting it at the top of our agenda.

From promoting green technologies, to encouraging local food through Farmers' Markets and planning requirements; from improving the record on re-cycling, to initiatives such as each household receiving £20 worth of energy saving light-bulbs, Welsh Conservatives are taking the lead.

Vote Welsh Conservatives for a change *Pleidleisiwch Ceidwadwyr Cymreig am newid*

About Karen

Karen Robson has lived and worked in Cardiff for 10 years. Karen's work in education with disabled people and with community groups was recognised last year by her being named Welsh Woman of the Year. Her priorities are equality of opportunity and social justice.

This information is available in alternative formats and community languages on request. An audio version of this document can be downloaded from <http://www.karenrobson.info/manifesto.php>

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