

## **Education and Skills**

### **Schools**

1. Local authorities to have a monitoring and coordinating role for admissions to all schools in their area and in the provision of specialist support services. Schools to be accountable to local authorities and local community not central government.
2. All school governing bodies should include at least one third elected by parents, plus representatives of the local authority.
3. Free school meals for all primary school children.
4. Ofsted inspections to include reasonable notice periods.
5. The freedom of information act to be extended to cover all schools.
6. A commitment to phasing out of selective education, and of 'free' schools.
7. All state-funded voluntary aided faith schools should set aside a minimum of one third of annual intake for pupils with parents of other faiths or none.
8. A commitment to the phasing out of charity status for private schools.
9. Investment in new school buildings or other facilities & major refurbishment should be financed as part of a programme of public investment to restore growth & full employment, financed through public sector borrowing & quantitative easing measures.

### **Accessible and affordable education for all**

10. The restoration of EMAs.
11. Replacement of tuition fees and student loans with a graduate tax.
12. All Russell Group universities to have at least 70% of entrants from non-private schools within ten years.
13. New Regional Enterprise Agencies involving local government, regional industry and commerce, trade unions and regional investment banks should take over responsibility for overseeing and supporting (including necessary financing) skills training, apprenticeships, and careers guidance.

## **Health**

### **An NHS fit for the future**

1. A commitment to ending PFI in health, and to finance future capital programmes through public rather than private borrowing.
2. Abolishing the presumption of a purchaser-provider split in order to de-marketise and re-integrate the NHS on the basis of co-operation and planning.
3. Ending commercial contracting of NHS services, seeking opt outs of EU regulations 103 & 104 that open up the NHS to EU Competition Law.

### **Tackling Health Inequalities**

4. Abolish charges for dental and optometric services.
5. Abolish prescription charges for further chronic conditions.

### **Social Care**

6. Introduce free personal care for the elderly, as in Scotland.
7. Extending the coverage of the Human Rights Act to all residents in private care homes.
8. Extend patient choice to mental health patients.
9. Make PCTs accountable to local communities.