



THE PARKY CHARTER

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SPEEDY SPECIALISTS

Parkinson's makes many of us slow but that doesn't mean we should be stuck in the NHS slow lane. The NHS should keep its own promise: everyone referred by their GP for a possible Parkinson's diagnosis should see a neurologist or geriatrician within 18 weeks. After diagnosis there should be no longer than a year between neurological appointments.

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INSTANT INFORMATION

When first diagnosed every Person With Parkinson's should be given as of right a leaflet containing essential information about the condition such as the Parkinson's UK pamphlet. But the newly diagnosed should also be given additional information which is relevant, personal and local. This should include a contact number for their Parkinson's nurse and a date for a first appointment, and information about local support groups.

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PARKINSON'S PASSPORT

When diagnosed we should be given a "Parkinson's passport" which would give an AUTOMATIC right to certain benefits, free prescriptions, a "blue badge" and other clearly defined services. The Government must understand people with this as yet incurable degenerative condition are not going to suddenly get better. To regularly assess them for benefits on the grounds they might do so is pernicious, unscientific and insulting.

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COMPREHENSIVE CARE

A personal plan ensuring regular meetings with a Parkinson's nurse and a whole host of other health professionals including physiotherapists, nutritionists and speech therapists. This unpredictable, multifaceted condition requires a multidisciplinary response.

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QUEST FOR A CURE

Parkinson's is incurable - but it doesn't have to stay that way. Hunting for a cure is a long term goal but produces many shorter term benefits. The Government should commit to a major increase in funding for research into Parkinson's from today's level - about £6.7 million. This is peanuts - a single, new fighter jet costs roughly nine times as much.

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