

# What does a majority Conservative Government mean for healthcare?

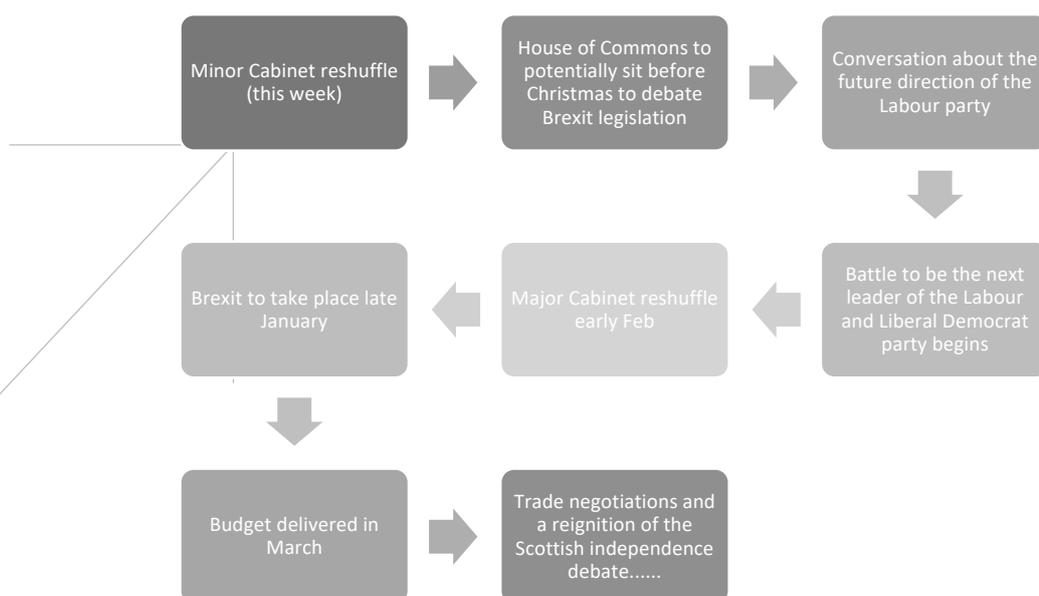
## OVID Health Crib Sheet

*Boris Johnson's Conservative party won by a larger margin than many expected last night. OVID's conversations on the ground across the country in the past month confirmed Corbyn's 'toxic' effect on the doorstep. This, coupled with the Get Brexit Done slogan tripping off the tongues of those living in traditional Labour heartlands, had pointed towards a tectonic shift.*

*But what does this new, Brexit-invigorated Conservative Government mean for the healthcare sector? And what are the political milestones facing our leaders today and over the coming weeks?*

### What's going to happen now?

The likely timetable for Brexit and forthcoming political developments can be summarised as follows:



## Key developments this morning

1. **Conservatives:** will begin work for their forthcoming reshuffle – where they are likely to swap MPs like Jacob Rees-Mogg for rising stars like Rishi Sunak or Robert Jenrick.
2. **Liberal Democrats:** despite increasing their vote share, their ‘revoke Brexit’ strategy failed and a leadership battle will start, with the most likely replacement being current deputy leader Ed Davey.
3. **Labour:** the internal reflections and recriminations have already begun – with Rebecca Long Bailey and Keir Starmer look set to be the front-runners in the battle to become leader in the coming months.

## What has this Government promised for healthcare?

Labour tried to make the NHS the issue of the General Election campaign, but this was ultimately overshadowed by their leader’s likeability and trust factor; coupled with a public tired of perceived Brexit delay. The public did not rally behind Labour’s ‘Boris will sell the NHS to Trump’ line. The Conservatives’ feet will certainly be held to the fire on the NHS by the electorate in the weeks to come, having pledged to tackle the NHS pensions crisis within their first 30 days in power:

Summary of [Conservative manifesto pledges](#):

NHS	Pharma	Social Care	Mental Health
Recruit 50K extra nurses (actually 31K)	Develop the Cancer Drugs Fund into the Innovative Medicines Fund e.g. for rare disease/autoimmune conditions	Devise cross-party agreement to solve social care crisis	Provide additional capacity for autism and learning disability care in community settings
Give £34bn ‘extra’ funding a year by 2024	Overhaul NHS screening programme and increase mobile screening services	Extend unpaid carers’ entitlement to leave to one week	Parity for mental health and physical health – but no details on how to make this happen
Build 40 new hospitals (only budgeted for 6 in manifesto)	Double dementia research funding and make finding a cure one of the Government’s key collective challenges	Make it ‘easier’ for people with learning disabilities and autism to be discharged from hospital and improve how they are treated in law	Will extend social prescribing
Free hospital parking	Pledged the price the NHS pays for drugs will not be on the table.		Legislate so patients suffering from mental health conditions have greater control over their treatment