

#AsthmaMatters MANIFESTO 2020

1 **END ALL PREVENTABLE ASTHMA DEATHS IN IRELAND**

- Conduct a national review of asthma deaths and set out a comprehensive plan to end all preventable deaths

2 **SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE COST OF ASTHMA MEDICATION**

- Recognise asthma as a long-term illness and include it under the Long Term Illness Scheme

3 **IMMEDIATELY IMPROVE TREATMENT OF SEVERE ASTHMA**

- Extend the national funding model for high-tech severe asthma treatments
- Ensure all patients with severe asthma have regular access to a respiratory consultant

4 **GUARANTEE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY ASTHMA MEDICATION FOR ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN**

- Immediately review current ministerial regulations to allow schools and other organisations to purchase emergency asthma medication without prescription

5 **DELIVER BEST-IN-CLASS CARE FOR ALL FORMS OF ASTHMA, FROM DIAGNOSIS AND ASSESSMENT TO END OF LIFE CARE**

- Publish and implement an end-to-end model of care for asthma
- Prioritise every child with asthma and severe asthma patients under the Chronic Disease Management Programme
- Substantially increase investment in diagnostics for children
- Intensify recruitment of specialist paediatric hospital doctors and nurses
- Adequately resource e-Health as a priority

6 **PROTECT THE RIGHT OF IRELAND'S RESIDENTS TO CLEAN AIR**

- Publish a comprehensive Clean Air Strategy
- Conduct a public education campaign on the link between air pollution and health targeted at healthcare professionals and vulnerable populations
- Prioritise investment in public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure over major road infrastructure
- Invest in low emission solutions across transport, housing and energy sectors
- Phase out the sale and use of smoky solid fuels
- Retain the Warmth and Wellbeing scheme for people with chronic respiratory conditions and expand it nationwide

