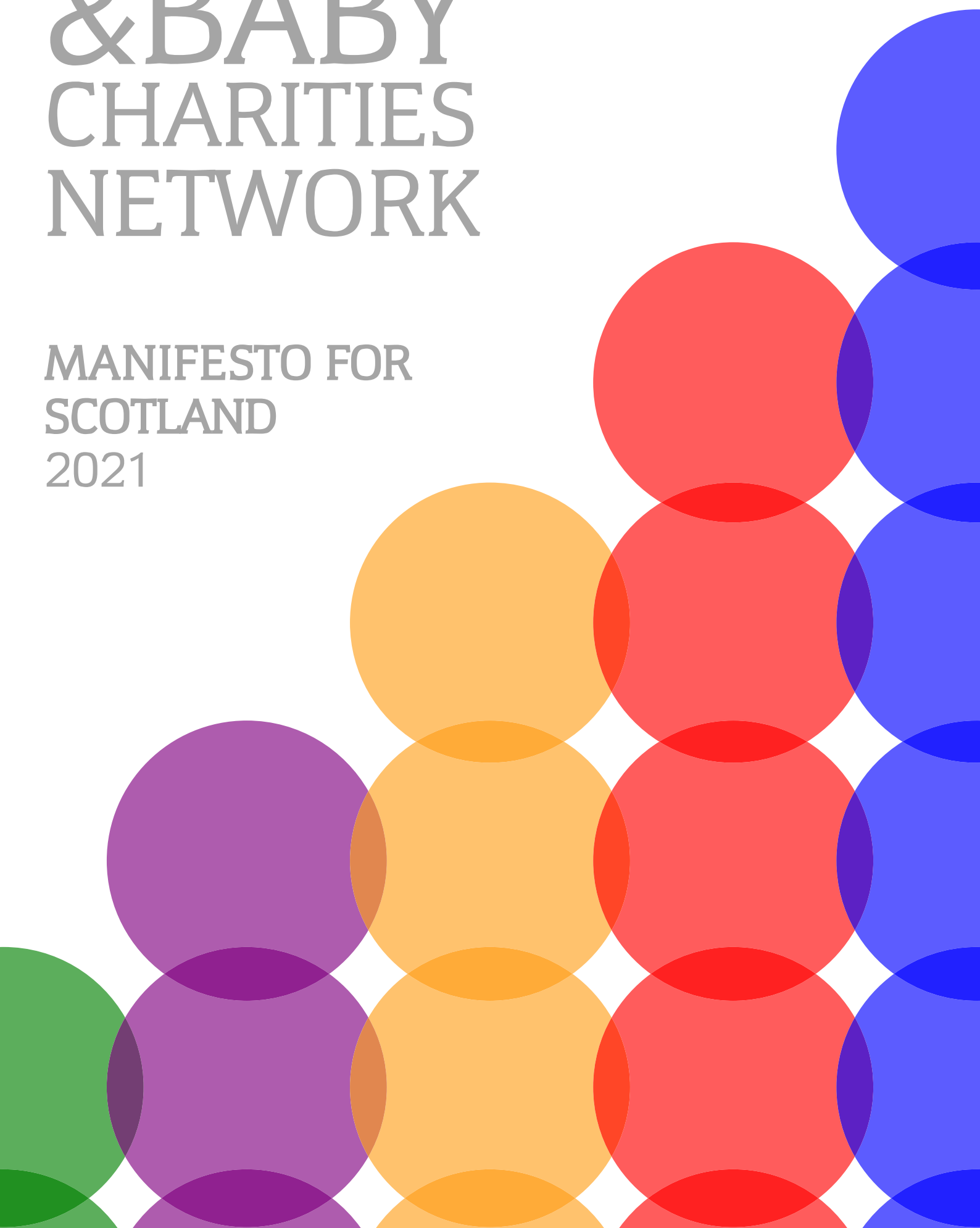


PREGNANCY & BABY CHARITIES NETWORK

MANIFESTO FOR
SCOTLAND
2021



OUR

TOP

4

PRIORITIES

1

Make Scotland the safest place in the world in which to have a baby.

2

Give all families a maternity guarantee of a personalised care journey that best fits their needs.

3

Give all sick and premature babies the best chance of survival.

4

Provide every family with the bereavement care they need after pregnancy or baby loss.

How we can achieve our four priorities

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on individuals, families and communities, as well as putting the NHS under extreme and sustained pressure. Over the period of this manifesto, the Scottish Government must commit to supporting NHS Scotland staff in achieving the four aims set out below.

1 Make Scotland the safest place in the world in which to have a baby, by:

- Reaffirming and ensuring resources are available to reduce stillbirths by 35 per cent and neonatal deaths by 15 per cent, in line with existing targets.
- Introducing targets to reduce maternal deaths, brain injury and sudden infant deaths
- Committing to identifying and reducing inequalities in the risk of perinatal death

2 Give women a maternity guarantee that their pregnancy and birth journey will be personalised and will meet their needs, by:

- Giving all women a single maternity health professional who looks after them throughout their pregnancy and birth, prioritising those with a higher risk of poor outcomes.
- Working with every woman to develop a birth plan tailored to her individual needs.
- Developing a digital maternity record that all women, and the professionals involved in their care, can easily access.

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Give all sick and premature babies the best chance of survival, by:

- Fully implementing the *Best Start* review, including full implementation of the new model of neonatal care, ensuring that parents are at the heart of caring for their babies.
- Ensuring that there is a trained specialist nurse for every baby in neonatal intensive care.

4

Provide every family with the bereavement care they need after pregnancy or baby loss, by:

- All NHS trusts fully implementing the Scottish Bereavement Care Pathway by 2023.
- Guaranteeing that all subsequent pregnancies after two early miscarriages, one late miscarriage, a stillbirth, a termination for fetal anomaly, pre-term birth or a neonatal death are offered high-risk care and given enhanced support.

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See the list of charities signed up to the network so far (overleaf)

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Charities signed up to the network so far



Group B Strep Support



Preventing newborn baby deaths through research & education



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Pelvic Partnership
Supporting you



Pregnancy Sickness Support



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All of the above charities have contributed to our four priorities and all have expertise in the field. If you would like any further information please get in touch and we'll ensure that the correct person gets back to you. Thank you for your interest and support.