

Manifesto for environmental health 2024

Ahead of the UK general election, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) is calling on all parties to sign up to key pledges to ensure safer, cleaner healthier environments for the benefit of all.

Environmental health professionals work tirelessly to improve lives in all areas of public health including environmental protection, food safety, health and safety, housing, and public health. A healthy population protected by good regulation really does underpin a thriving economy, sustainability and wellbeing.

Our key asks:

- CIEH would like the government to engage with our members upon the **implementation of current net zero policies**, to protect against unintended consequences arising from adaptation and mitigation.

- **Protect the health and safety of workers** across the UK and ensure that adequate resources are available at local authority level to protect employees working for SMEs, micro-organisations and under-regulated sectors.

- **Tackle air and noise pollution urgently**, by introducing more ambitious air quality targets and placing greater attention on developing noise reduction targets.

- Make the **display of Food Hygiene Ratings** by food businesses **mandatory** in England and ensure adequate resources are available at local authority level to ensure its delivery.

- **Include environmental health professionals in public health development plans** and consultations on health policy frameworks at all levels of government.

- **Make it easier for local authorities in England to use licensing schemes** to improve housing conditions.

- **Enact legislative amendments** which enable environmental health officers to carry out the full range of **products of animal origin (POAO) checks** at our borders and inland.

- Work with CIEH and industry experts in the design and delivery of the **England-wide licensing scheme for cosmetic treatments**.

- Work with CIEH to **improve the recruitment and retention of environmental health professionals**.

- Establish a **new role of Chief Environmental Health Officer** for England.

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We would be delighted to hear from you and work with you going forwards, so please do get in touch with our Policy and Campaigns Manager, Ciaran Donaghy: c.donaghy@cieh.org