

County Election Manifesto of the Greens in Southwest Finland

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Equality

All policies of the Greens are strongly based on human rights and supporting an egalitarian society and with overall equality in the centre of all decision-making.

Inclusion and customer orientation

The purpose of the wellbeing services county is to, above all, be responsible for the wellbeing of the population of the county. All service users, especially those residents in weaker positions of the society, must be heard as a part of the county's decision-making. All citizens are entitled to equal and comprehensive social and health services regardless of their place of residence or situation in life.

- An individual seeking treatment must receive care within a week. They must be directed to a suitable health care professional. The appointment may take place online, and the treatment can be given by a healthcare professional other than a doctor. Especially young people and adolescents' mental health issues must be addressed without a delay with conversational help.
- Experts by experience shall be more involved in the planning process of the service chains together with a network of professionals.
- Expanding the service coordination, including the information distributed by the social and health care professionals about the services of various actors.
- Services must be provided and accessible for people of all ages in all life situations and stages
 - The wellbeing services county must secure adequate resources for the statutory services such as home care, family social work, and family counselling services.
 - Families with children must have access to various means of support at a low threshold, already when the problems are still minimal. Particular attention should be given to children living with separated or divorced parents.
 - The needs of the elderly population in terms of the health and social services as well as other care and housing services at each age must be met according to the Act on Care Services for Older People.
 - The basic level palliative and end-of-life care must be developed.
 - Informal family care must be developed to make it more egalitarian. In principle, the county must be able to offer services and treatment to all its customers, but funds, training, and support must be set aside for informal care and adult foster care.

- Undocumented foreign nationals must be offered services according to the so-called Helsinki model, i.e., the right to the same treatment, on the same terms, and for the same charges as anyone else.
- Special support clients are provided with the necessary support measures even before the diagnosis. The officeholder, who is responsible for the overall organisation of matters, gathers a multi-professional network to advance the matter without further delay.
- Adequate expertise must be provided in disability, assistance, and other care services. Where necessary, also multidisciplinary expertise may be utilised.
- Living alone, family diversity, gender, or sexual orientation must not affect the services offered to the client – equality and accessibility to all services must be ensured for everyone.
- The prevention and treatment of addictions should be seamlessly integrated into the services of the wellbeing services county. The identification of these issues, such as compulsive gambling or substance abuse, needs to be improved, and access to treatment must be accelerated.
- Efforts must be made to combat poverty and inequality
 - The client's situation needs to be addressed holistically rather than addressing an individual challenge in their lives. This improvement requires multi-professional co-operation as well as offering the client more time with the health care professional.
 - Regional differences must be considered, and services must be made available even in smaller municipalities and remote areas.
 - Prevention and early intervention models need to be widely adopted.
- The continuity of the employment services must be ensured
 - Continuity and the cooperation between the work activities in the wellbeing services county and the workshops provided by the municipality must be ensured.
 - In our society, it must be possible to work according to one's own resources, as work is a factor that efficiently connects a person to the society and the community.

Accessibility

Primary services must be accessible for all, regardless of wealth or place of residence. The health and social services reform will ensure that primary health care and social services are accessible for everyone in a timely manner. A Green wellbeing services county invests in services that are easily accessible with emphasis on preventive services, as this is the best option socially, economically, and humanely.

- Services must always be available in one's own language. If necessary, centralising the interpretation services into joint operations shared by all wellbeing services counties, utilising online services and remote connections,

to ensure high-quality and comprehensive interpretation services throughout Finland.

- Introducing mobile service units as a part of the service entity for appropriate services such as sampling and vaccinations.
- Taking advantage of the various and existing digital services.
 - The appointment system must be developed so that it is comprehensive, multilingual, and fully digitised. Developing service map-based algorithms that guide the user and provide the service coordinator with the required information about the service need.
 - A quickly accessible remote service point, alongside with the regular health care appointments, must also be introduced to improve the accessibility to services.
 - Ensuring the access to services for those who, for one reason or another, are unable or unwilling to use digital services.

Prevention and effectiveness

Timely and effective intervention keeps problems from growing yet bigger. All residents should receive the right care at the right time. The efficiency of the treatment is based on early intervention as well as prevention. The care chains must be seamless and multi-professional. However, efficiency must not take precedence over humane customer focus and optimal treatment.

Wellbeing and health

The Finnish welfare state relies on strong primary health care and provides humane, effective, and preventive health care services. The wellbeing services counties must succeed in breaking down the barrier between specialist care, primary health care, and social welfare.

- Strengthening of the public primary health care and the basic social services, and by this shifting the focus to preventive low-threshold basic services.
- Developing the low-threshold services, as well as service guidance and coordination to facilitate early identification. Providing lighter services with an individual focus on the specific needs of the family and supporting their daily lives.
- Ensuring that all schools and educational institutions have a school nurse, social worker, psychiatric nurse, or other member of a multidisciplinary team within reach without an appointment. If necessary, an appointment with a

school psychologist or a school doctor must be made possible without a delay.

- Easy access to sexual counselling and, if necessary, sexual therapy must be available for everyone.
 - All residents under the age of 25 must have access to free contraception.
 - The health care staff must be given comprehensive training on dealing with sexual and gender minorities.

Effectiveness

The main objective is to provide humane and effective healthcare that is affordable and accessible. Research and science-based metrics need to be developed to assess the effectiveness and quality at all levels and in all areas of the services. The evaluation should be regular and continuous.

- Ensuring the right care for everyone at the right time.
 - Ensuring the preventability of treatment by offering treatment at the right time.
 - Enabling rapid recovery of the client and preventing the accumulation of issues.
- Organising the care in such a way that the continuity of care, the seamless care chains, and a personal doctor system can be ensured.
 - The clients are seamlessly taken care of even after the end of the immediate treatment. A follow-up plan is recorded to ensure that the client's needs can be met in the future as well.

Social responsibility

From the outset, we ensure that the governance and decision-making of the wellbeing services counties is transparent, comprehensible, and easy to follow. In addition, we ensure equal channels for residents to act and influence the decisions made. Open and transparent governance is a prerequisite for all residents to participate in the evaluation and development of the decision-making.

Economy and co-operation

The success of the procurement is an important part of smooth running, safe, and economic operations.

- The wellbeing services counties ensure strong procurement expertise within their organisations.
- Procurement is carried out in such a way that small and local companies and organisations also have realistic chances of succeeding in the procurement process.
- Utilising the possibilities of procurement legislation to consider, for example, various certifications related to quality, responsibility, and sustainability as a part of the procurement process.
- Research-based, regular, and continuous evaluation of quality and service availability is carried out at all service levels and areas.

Environment

Climate change has various negative effects on our health, thus controlling climate change supports the welfare state in its core mission. Taking care of the environment and animal welfare is an essential part of safeguarding human health and wellbeing. Sustainable economic management ensures the wellbeing of people within the limits of the carrying capacity of the environment. We need all actors to be involved in the work towards sustainable development.

- The environmental impact of the procurement is considered. Direct climate emissions can be reduced by investing in energy efficiency, low emission, and zero-emission forms of energy.
- Low-emission and zero-emission solutions are preferred for transport services and equipment choices.
- The CO₂ emissions can be affected by the building material choices and investing in energy efficiency. The same can be done for the renovations of existing facilities.
- Recognising how efficient land-use planning can contribute to both human health and the wellbeing of the environment.

Employer

High-quality management, stable and safe working conditions, and continuous development possibilities have a significant effect on the wellbeing of employees. More resources must be given to the wellbeing services of the employees and the wellbeing must be regularly assessed.

- Offering more opportunities to employees to influence and develop their careers, as well as further educate themselves on the matters related to their own work. Job rotation and the right level of pay must also be addressed.
- Supporting the wellbeing of the personnel, increasing motivation and commitment by investing in the work community skills and working capacity management.
- Piloting a self-directed work community, for example in home care or assisted living services.

- Increasing resources and addressing unfinished work and its costs, e.g., providing early support.
- Allowing sufficient time for supervision duties.
- Introducing anonymous recruitment as a part of the high-quality recruitment process.