

# Local Council elections 2023

# Help and Hope

We know local councils play a vital role in improving the lives of people living with dementia.

In Northern Ireland alone, dementia affects around 22,000 people, set to rise to 43,000 by 2040. Alzheimer's Society is here for everyone affected by dementia.

We are campaigning to make dementia a priority for your local council!



# Key Asks for candidates



- People living with dementia and their loved ones need to be heard. **How will you ensure your local council's Age Friendly work amplifies their voices on the issues they face?**
- About a third of people living with dementia in Northern Ireland are undiagnosed, leaving them unable to access vital care and support. **Will you call for better dementia diagnosis rates in your local council area?**
- We need dementia to be recognised as one of the biggest challenges facing our health and social care system. **How will you work with the Integrated Care System and statutory partners via the council's 'Community Planning' process to ensure it is recognised?**
- Tackling stigma and allowing people to live well with dementia in their local community is vital. **As a large public facing employer in your area, will you work to ensure council staff are well informed on how to support those living with dementia and their carers.**

**If you support these key asks then let us know at [local@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:local@alzheimers.org.uk) and we'll be in touch after the election.**

# How to help

It's five years since the publication of Northern Ireland's Regional Dementia Care Pathway, people affected by dementia are still waiting for funding. Help us use these elections as an opportunity to create change and see dementia prioritised across Northern Ireland.

Joining **Alzheimer's Society Councillor Network** allows you to keep up to date with potential motions for your council and ways to press the Department of Health to take action.

If elected, please commit to joining the Alzheimer's Society Councillor Network.

