

 <p><b>Justice &amp; Peace Scotland's major concerns</b></p>	 <p><b>Conservative</b></p>	 <p><b>Labour</b></p>	 <p><b>Lib-Dem</b></p>	 <p><b>SNP</b></p>	 <p><b>UKIP</b></p>
<p><b>Poverty</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By 2020, increase the personal tax allowance to £12,500 and the higher rate to £50,000</li> <li>• Increase the National Living Wage to 60 per cent of median earnings by 2020 and then by the rate of median earnings</li> <li>• Act to ensure that the interests of employees on traditional contracts, the self employed and those working in the 'gig' economy are all properly protected</li> <li>• Act to tighten the rules against abuse of private pension schemes</li> <li>• Combat homelessness and rough sleeping through implementation of the Homelessness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrap punitive sanctions regime</li> <li>• Scrap bedroom tax</li> <li>• Reinstate Housing Benefit for under-21s</li> <li>• Scrap cuts to Bereavement Support Payment</li> <li>• Reform &amp; redesign of Universal Credit, ending to 6-week delays in payment &amp; the 'rape clause'</li> <li>• Increase in Employment &amp; Support Allowance by £30 a week</li> <li>• Increase Carer's Allowance by £11 to level of Jobseekers' Allowance</li> <li>• Implement court decision on Personal Independent Payment to give parity of esteem between those with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give £1,000 instead of current £300 to help the poorest children aged 3 to 4 get a good start in education.</li> <li>• Start free childcare for all 2 year old children</li> <li>• Make bus travel much cheaper for young people aged 16 to 21</li> <li>• Ensure that 4 million properties receive insulation retrofits by 2022, prioritising the fuel poor</li> <li>• Encourage creation and widespread adoption of a 'good employer' kitemark covering areas such as paying a living wage &amp; avoiding unpaid internships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNP MPs will oppose any proposed increases in Value Added Tax or National Insurance.</li> <li>• Will vote to protect the Triple Lock, ensuring that pensions continue to rise by inflation, earnings or 2.5 per cent - whatever is the highest.</li> <li>• Will support repeal of the Trade Union Act 2016 and a ban on exploitative zero-hours contracts</li> <li>• Will support moves over the next Parliament to increase the Minimum Wage to the level of the real Living Wage</li> <li>• Continue to oppose cuts to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise the threshold for paying income tax to £13,500</li> <li>• Cut taxes for middle earners</li> <li>• Abolish the TV licence</li> <li>• Cut VAT on household bills</li> <li>• Provide up to 100,000 new homes for younger people every year</li> <li>• Maintain all pensioner benefits and the pensions Triple Lock</li> <li>• Protect disability and carer's benefits</li> <li>• Remove VAT from domestic energy bills, hot takeaway food such as fish and chips, and women's sanitary</li> </ul>

	<p>Reduction Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halve rough sleeping over the course of the parliament and eliminate it altogether by 2027 by setting up a new homelessness reduction taskforce that will focus on prevention and affordable housing.</li> <li>• Pilot a Housing First approach to tackle rough sleeping</li> <li>• Adopt a “Breathing Space” scheme, with the right safeguards to prevent abuse, so that someone in serious problem debt may apply for legal protection from further interest, charges and enforcement action for a period of up to six weeks</li> <li>• Maintain the Triple Lock on pensions until 2020. When it expires, introduce a new Double Lock. Pensions will rise in line with the earnings that pay for them, or in line with inflation – whichever is highest.</li> <li>• Ensure that the state</li> </ul>	<p>physical &amp; mental-health conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrap Work Capability &amp; PIP assessments &amp; replace with ‘personalised, holistic assessment process’</li> <li>• End to privatisation of assessments</li> <li>• End reassessments for people with severe long-term conditions</li> <li>• Culture of social security system to be change from ‘one that demonises people not in work to one that is supporting and enabling’</li> <li>• 2010 Equality Act to be enhanced</li> <li>• Controls on rent rises/more secure tenancies/</li> <li>• 4,000 additional homes reserved for people with a history of sleeping rough</li> <li>• No rise in income tax for those earning £80K &amp; under</li> <li>• No increase in NI contributions or</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish independent review to set a genuine Living Wage across all sectors. Will pay this Living Wage in all central government departments and their agencies, and encourage other public sector employers to do likewise.</li> <li>• Extend transparency requirements on larger employers to include publishing the number of people paid less than the Living Wage and the ratio between top and median pay.</li> <li>• Stamp out abuse of Zero Hours Contracts. Create a formal right to request a fixed contract and consult on introducing a right to make regular patterns of work contractual after a period of time.</li> <li>• Strengthen enforcement of employment rights</li> </ul>	<p>public services and policies such as the campaign to scrap the two-child policy &amp; so-called Rape Clause, the Bedroom Tax, and welfare cuts pushing children into poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to fight to halt the unfair benefit sanctions regime.</li> <li>• Setting rates of Income Tax is now the responsibility of the Scottish Parliament. In the current financial year the basic rate of Income Tax has been frozen to help low and middle earners; - higher rate taxes have not been cut by an increase in the higher rate threshold.</li> <li>• Will support the reversal of the married couple’s allowance</li> <li>• Will back the continuation of VAT-exemption on essential items like children’s clothes,</li> </ul>	<p>products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the end of the next parliament will raise the personal tax allowance to at least £13,500 so people can earn enough to cover basic living costs before the state takes any of their income.</li> <li>• Will raise the 40 per cent income tax threshold to £55,000.</li> <li>• Introduce flexible state pension window, so everyone can opt to retire earlier for a slightly lower state pension, or work longer for a slightly higher pension</li> <li>• Roll out high quality, low cost factory built modular (FBM) homes, affordable on the national average wage of £26,000</li> <li>• Will allow parents to use free childcare entitlements to</li> </ul>
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	<p>pension age reflects increases in life expectancy, while protecting each generation fairly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce a single capital floor, set at £100,000, more than four times the current means test threshold to ensure that whatever cost of care, people will always retain at least £100,000 of their savings and assets, including value in the family home</li> <li>• Extend the current freedom to defer payments for residential care to those receiving care at home, so no-one will have to sell their home in their lifetime to pay for care</li> <li>• Introduce 30 hours of free childcare for three and four-year-olds for working parents who find it difficult to manage the costs of childcare</li> </ul>	<p>VAT rate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate emergency price cap to ensure average dual-fuel household energy bill remains below £1K pa while transitioning to fairer system for bill payers</li> <li>• Insulation of 4m homes as infrastructure priority in cold homes to reduce fuel poverty</li> <li>• Direct government subsidy for high-quality childcare</li> <li>• Phase in subsidised provision on top of free-hours entitlement</li> <li>• Extend 30 free hours of childcare to all two-year-olds + move to some childcare for one-year-olds</li> <li>• Maternity pay extended to 12 months</li> <li>• Halt closure of Sure Start centres &amp; increase money available for Sure Start</li> <li>• Ban zero hours</li> </ul>	<p>&amp; scrap employment tribunal fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate employment support from benefits administration – making Jobcentres places of training and support into work.</li> <li>• Take 13,000 children out of poverty by letting both parents earn before their Universal Credit is cut, and also reverse cuts to the Family Element.</li> <li>• Encourage people into work by reversing the cuts to Work Allowances in Universal Credit, enabling people to work for longer before their benefits are cut.</li> <li>• Raise awareness of, and seek to expand, Access to Work, which supports people with disabilities in work.</li> <li>• Improve links</li> </ul>	<p>and will hold the UK government to a commitment to remove VAT from sanitary products. Until san-pro VAT is removed, SNP MPs will call for Scotland's population share of the Tampon Tax Fund to be transferred to the Scottish Government so that a fair and proportionate amount can be distributed to organisations working with and for women across Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remains committed to free prescriptions</li> <li>• Will extend free early years education and childcare for all three and four year olds and two year olds from low income households to 30 hours by 2021</li> <li>• Will protect the principles that have underpinned the social security</li> </ul>	<p>access greater choice of childcare providers by removing restrictions limiting them only to Ofsted-registered childcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will extend the primary school day by offering wrap-around childcare from 8am to 6pm during term time</li> <li>• Will create a fund worth £80 million a year to help child minders and smaller childcare providers employing 5 or fewer people accept more children with special needs.</li> <li>• UKIP remains committed to keeping the winter fuel allowance, free bus passes, prescriptions &amp; eye tests for all over-60s, without means testing</li> <li>• Will reverse cuts to care budgets &amp;</li> </ul>
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		<p>contracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise Minimum Wage to level of Living Wage (expected to be at least £10 per hour by 2020) for all workers aged 18 &amp; over</li> <li>• End Public Sector Pay Cap</li> <li>• Roll out maximum pay ratios of 20:1 in public sector &amp; in companies bidding for public contracts</li> <li>• Paid paternity leave doubled to four weeks</li> <li>• Clamp down on bogus self-employment imposed by 'unscrupulous employers to avoid costs &amp; duties to workers'</li> <li>• Triple lock on pensions</li> <li>• Winter fuel &amp; free bus passes guaranteed as universal benefits</li> <li>• Justice for 2.5m women whose state pension age has changed</li> </ul>	<p>between Jobcentres and Work Programme providers and the local NHS to ensure all those in receipt of health-related benefits are getting the care and support to which they are entitled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerate rollout of Individual Placement and Support, a proven approach to getting people with mental ill-health back into work.</li> </ul>	<p>system since its foundations. The limited social security powers being devolved to the Scottish Parliament give an opportunity to take a different approach of fairness, respect and dignity. However, decisions over 85 per cent of UK welfare spending in Scotland continue to be made in Westminster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill introducing new Scotland-wide targets to eradicate child poverty - . SNP MPs will call on the UK government to match by reintroducing UK-wide targets to end child poverty.</li> <li>• Will seek for UK Government to work with devolved administrations to establish a Poverty and Inequality Commission that provides expert advice on tackling poverty, and</li> </ul>	<p>invest up to £2 billion every year in social care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UKIP will crack down on benefit fraud, but make sure support and benefits system is fair and fit-for-purpose</li> <li>• UKIP will not cut disability benefits</li> <li>• Will increase Carer's Allowance from £62.70 per week to £73.10 a week, to match the higher level of Job Seeker's Allowance</li> <li>• Will scrap the bedroom tax</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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				<p>monitors and regularly reports on progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SNP MPs will urge the UK government to follow the lead of the Scottish Government to review Personal Independence Payments, ensuring assessments, descriptors and award times are appropriate and rooted in respect and dignity</li><li>• SNP MPS will support reversal of UK Government cut of £29 per week from Employment and Support of disabled and ill people assessed as not fit for work</li><li>• Will support the annual uprating of all benefits by at least CPI inflation. The SNP Scottish Government will abolish the Bedroom Tax in Scotland completely, when given powers to do so. SNP MPs will</li></ul>	
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				<p>continue to demand that the Bedroom Tax is scrapped across the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SNP MPs will support restoration of housing support for 18 to 21 year olds across the UK</li><li>• Will support the reversal of cut of Bereavement Payments and Widowed Parents' Allowance</li><li>• Will press the UK government to follow the lead of the SNP Scottish Government to establish a Fair Work Commission to ensure workers' rights across the UK are not diminished by Brexit.</li><li>• Will urge UK Government to abandon planned closures of up to 23 Jobcentre Plus sites across Scotland and work with the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals for joint governance of</li></ul>	
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				<p>Jobcentres with the Scottish Government, as recommended by the Smith Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SNP MPs will oppose plans to increase the State Pension Age beyond 66 &amp; will support establishment of an Independent Savings and Pension Commission, to ensure pensions and savings policies are fit for purpose</li><li>• Will protect the Winter Fuel Payment, and extend eligibility to families with severely disabled children</li><li>• Will not means-test disability benefits</li><li>• Scottish Government will offer a new Best Start Grant worth £1,900 to a two child family - £1,400 more than the UK Sure Start Maternity Grant</li></ul>	
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<p><b>Environment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Carry out independent review into cost of energy, which will be to ensure UK energy costs are as low as possible, while ensuring a reliable supply and allowing UK to meet 2050 carbon reduction objective</li> <li>▪ More large-scale onshore wind power is not right for England, but we will maintain our position as a global leader in offshore wind and support the development of wind projects in the remote islands of Scotland, where they will directly benefit local communities</li> <li>▪ Energy policy not to be based on how energy is generated but on desired ends – reliable and affordable energy, including fracking, to meet global commitments on climate change</li> <li>▪ Legislate to change planning law for shale applications. Non-fracking drilling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 60% of energy from zero carbon or renewable sources by 2030</li> <li>▪ Ban on fracking</li> <li>▪ Interest-free loans to encourage uptake if fuel efficiency measures</li> <li>▪ Commitment to emerging technologies (carbon capture/storage) &amp; renewable energy projects</li> <li>▪ Nuclear will continue to be part of the UK energy supply</li> <li>▪ Targets of Climate Change Act &amp; Paris Agreement to be met</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduce Air Quality Plan to reduce air pollution; generate jobs and exports by supporting green industries that manufacture electric and low-emission vehicles.</li> <li>▪ Prevent 40,000 premature deaths a year by cutting air pollution.</li> <li>▪ Ban fracking, and more than double green electricity to 60 per cent by 2030.</li> <li>▪ Pass Zero Waste Act, including legally binding targets for reducing net consumption of key natural resources, and introducing incentives for businesses to improve resource efficiency.</li> <li>▪ Benefit consumers by promoting better product design to improve repairability, reuse and recycling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The SNP will champion the interests of island and mainland communities to ensure they benefit financially from renewable energy projects and Scotland’s outstanding natural resources</li> <li>▪ Seek to build a regulatory environment which supports investment in new energy storage schemes, including pumped hydro and batteries, allowing Scotland to maximise benefits of resources and build an energy system for the 21st century</li> <li>▪ Will press UK government to include onshore wind in its industrial strategy &amp; demand increased focus on offshore wind, tidal energy and wave power</li> <li>▪ Will support the development of wind and other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UKIP will repeal the 2008 Climate Change Act &amp; support a diverse energy market based on coal, nuclear, shale gas, conventional gas, oil, solar and hydro, &amp; other renewables when they can be delivered at competitive prices. UKIP will also withdraw from the Paris climate agreement &amp; the EU Emissions Trading Scheme, to enhance our industrial competitiveness</li> <li>▪ UKIP will scrap the green levies currently subsidising renewable energy schemes</li> <li>▪ UKIP will not, allow drilling for shale in national parks or other areas of outstanding natural beauty</li> <li>▪ UKIP will support the installation of rapid charging</li> </ul>
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	<p>will be treated as permitted development, expert planning functions will be established to support local councils, and major shale planning decisions will be responsibility of the National Planning Regime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Shale Environmental Regulator to be set up</li> </ul>			<p>renewable energy projects in the Northern and Western Isles – and a clear timescale for the delivery of the electricity interconnectors needed in the islands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will work to secure funding needed to develop Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) technology in Scotland.</li> <li>▪ Will hold the UK government to account over its support for the Hinkley nuclear plant white elephant.</li> <li>▪ Will press UK government to match Scotland's draft Climate Change Plan</li> <li>▪ Has blocked underground coal gasification and moratorium means fracking cannot take place in Scotland</li> </ul>	<p>stations for electric cars in towns and cities, &amp; encourage off street parking and charging provision in all new housing and industrial developments through local planning process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UKIP supports scrappage scheme for diesel car owners but will combine it with an incentive scheme encouraging drivers to exchange vehicles for electric or hybrid models.</li> <li>▪ UKIP will continue to support the expansion of smaller regional airports while rejecting Heathrow 3<sup>rd</sup> runway plan</li> <li>▪ Will match fund grants made by local authorities for rural capital projects which enhance local environment or help recovery</li> </ul>
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## Asylum & Migration

### Migrants:

- Ask the independent Migration Advisory Committee to recommend how the visa system can be better aligned with our modern industrial strategy to allow significant numbers of visas for workers in strategically-important sectors, such as digital technology, without adding to net migration
- Double Immigration Skills Charge levied on companies employing migrant workers, to £2,000 a year by the end of the parliament
- Reduce immigration to sustainable levels in the tens of thousands per annum.
- Continue to bear down on immigration from outside the European Union
- Increase earnings thresholds for people wishing to sponsor migrants for family visas
- Toughen visa

### Migrants:

- Development & implementation of fair immigration rules
- EU nationals to be offered security
- No discrimination between 'people of different races or creeds'
- End to indefinite detentions
- Distinction between migrant labour & family attachment
- Support of work of Forced Marriage Unit
- Income thresholds to be replaced by a prohibition on recourse to public funds
- New migration management scheme based on UK's economic needs, balancing controls & existing entitlements
- Ban on overseas-only recruitment practices
- Increased prosecution of employers evading minimum wage
- Restoration of rights

### Migrants:

- Ensure immigration system is operated fairly and efficiently, with strict control of borders, including entry and exit checks and adequately funded Border Force policing of entry by irregular routes.
- Hold an annual Parliamentary debate on skill and labour market shortfalls and surpluses to identify immigration necessary to meet the UK's needs.
- Continue to allow high-skilled immigration to support key sectors of our economy, and ensure work, tourist and family visas are processed quickly and efficiently.
- Remove students from the official migration statistics (their stay is temporary)
- Ensure UK is an attractive destination for

### Migrants:

- Will continue to seek devolution of immigration powers so that Scotland can have an immigration policy that works for Scotland's economy and society.
- Will stand firm against the demonisation of migrants
- Will continue to make the case for the reintroduction of a Post-Study Work Visa scheme for Scotland, to enable international students to stay & contribute to Scottish society and economy after they graduate.
- SNP MPs will oppose Skills Immigration Charge – a charge for employers, including the public sector, of £1,000 per non-EEA worker per year - and press for the charge to be scrapped

### Migrants:

- Will end open door immigration that keeps wages low
- Will bring forward legislation requiring employers to advertise jobs to British citizens before they offer them overseas
- Ensure employers are legally free to choose to hire a young unemployed British person under the age of 25 ahead of a better qualified or more experienced foreign applicant
- Will increase Border Agency staff by 4,000 and implement technology solutions to ensure all passport and visa holders are counted in and out
- Will set a target to reduce net migration to zero, over a five-year period

	<p>requirements for students, to maintain high standards. Students expected to leave the country at the end of their course, unless they meet new, higher requirements that allow them to work in Britain after their studies are concluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overseas students will remain in the immigration statistics, in line with government's policy to reduce annual net migration</li> <li>• Reduce and control the number of people who come to Britain from the EU while still attracting skilled workers our economy needs</li> </ul> <p><b>Refugees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer asylum and refuge to people in parts of the world affected by conflict and oppression, rather than to those who have made it to Britain</li> <li>• Work to reduce asylum claims made in Britain and increase the number</li> </ul>	<p>of migrant domestic workers to end 'this form of modern slavery'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Refugees:</b> Labour will honour 'the spirit of international law &amp; our moral obligations by taking our fair share of refugees.</li> <li>• Review of current 'not fit for purpose' housing and dispersing arrangements for refugees</li> </ul>	<p>overseas students by reinstating post-study work visas for graduates in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects who find suitable employment within six months of graduating. Give the devolved administrations the right to sponsor additional post-study work visas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with universities to ensure fair and transparent student visa process and find ways to measure accurately the number of students leaving at the end of their course.</li> <li>• Establish a centrally-funded Migrant Impact Fund to help local communities to adjust to new migration and meet unexpected pressures on public services and housing.</li> <li>• Provide additional</li> </ul>	<p>altogether.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNP MPs will continue to press the UK government to limit immigration detention to 28 days. No other European country has indefinite detention. Will continue to oppose detention of children &amp; vulnerable people, including pregnant women and people with mental illnesses. Will continue to call for the UK government to pursue alternatives to detention.</li> <li>• Will support a review of the citizenship application process, with a view to bringing down its cost and reducing its complexity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Refugees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will urge the UK government to take action on the recommendations of the All Party Parliamentary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will introduce a new Australian-style points based system, &amp; a work permit system applied equally to all applicants, except for citizens of the Republic of Ireland, with whom current arrangements will be maintained</li> <li>▪ Will place a moratorium on unskilled and low-skilled immigration for five years after we leave the EU</li> <li>▪ Will operate a seasonal worker scheme based on six month visas to support sectors such as agriculture which need additional labour for short but predictable periods of time</li> <li>▪ There will be no amnesty for illegal immigrants</li> <li>▪ UKIP will allow law-abiding EU citizens living in the UK before Article 50 was</li> </ul>
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	<p>of people helped in the most troubled regions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with other countries in Europe, and the United Nations, to review the international legal definitions of asylum and refugee status.</li> <li>• Ensure councils assisted to deal with people as they arrive, and establish schemes to help individuals, charities, faith groups, churches and businesses to provide housing and other support for refugees</li> <li>• Review the application of exploitation in the Modern Slavery Act to strengthen ability to stop criminals putting men, women and children into criminal, dangerous and exploitative working conditions</li> </ul>		<p>government funding for English Language classes to help migrants and residents gain independence and integrate with their local communities</p> <p><b>Refugees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply the asylum system fairly, efficiently and humanely including the process for those who have no right to be here.</li> <li>• Offer safe and legal routes to the UK</li> <li>• Reform family reunion rules to enable refugees to join relatives already living in safety in the UK.</li> <li>• Expand Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme to offer sanctuary to 50,000 over lifetime of next Parliament.</li> <li>• Re-open Dubs unaccompanied child refugee scheme, ensuring Britain meets its responsibilities by taking in 3,000</li> </ul>	<p>Group on Refugees including implementing a National Refugee Integration Strategy that ensures all agencies coordinate support for refugees and helps refugees take part in, and contribute to, our society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will defend the system of international protection of refugees that provides a place of safety for those facing serious harm or persecution.</li> <li>• Will ensure that the system of assessing asylum claims is thorough and fair and treats all with dignity. Those who have waited six months for an asylum decision should be able to use their skills and to support themselves by taking up</li> <li>• Will continue to</li> </ul>	<p>triggered the right to stay here indefinitely, expecting the same concession to be granted to British citizens living overseas within the EU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EU nationals entering UK after 29th March 2017 will not have automatic right to remain and will lose access to all benefits, including non-urgent healthcare after Brexit</li> <li>▪ UKIP will ban wearing of the niqab and burqa in public places as these are barriers to integration. We will not accept these de-humanising symbols of segregation and oppression, nor the security risks they pose</li> </ul> <p><b>Refugees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UKIP will comply fully with the 1951 UN Convention Relating to the</li> </ul>
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			<p>unaccompanied refugee children, giving them indefinite leave to remain (no deportation at age 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End indefinite immigration detention by introducing a 28-day limit.</li> <li>• Speed up the processing of asylum claims, reducing the time genuine refugees must wait to settle in the UK.</li> <li>• Expect working-age asylum seekers who have waited more than six months for their claim to be processed to seek work and only receive benefits if they are unable to find work.</li> <li>• Offer asylum to people fleeing countries where their sexual orientation or gender identification risks imprisonment, torture, or execution; stop</li> </ul>	<p>oppose the continued cuts to support that have led to asylum seekers becoming destitute.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will urge the UK government to work with devolved administrations, local authorities and local communities to provide services for asylum seekers rather than use private contractors who have profit rather than people as their prime motive.</li> </ul>	<p>Status of Refugees, and honour obligations to bona fide asylum seekers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Nuclear weapons/Peace building/Arms trading</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invest £178 billion in new military equipment over the next decade, creating high-skilled jobs across the whole country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committed to a comprehensive peace in the Middle East ‘based on a two-state solution – a secure Israel alongside a secure &amp; viable state of Palestine’</li> <li>➤ A Labour government will ‘immediately recognise the state of Palestine’</li> <li>➤ Will work to end the conflict in Syria and ‘get the diplomatic process back on track’ while supporting international efforts to investigate, prosecute and convict the perpetrators of war crimes</li> <li>➤ Will advocate long-term multinational political strategy, led by regional actors, to tackle the spread of extremism</li> <li>➤ Urge respect for human rights in discussions with governments including China, Egypt, the Gulf States, Myanmar,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Have stronger rules about selling weapons to countries that don’t look after people’s human rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SNP MPs will build a cross-party coalition to scrap Trident as quickly and safely as possible &amp; vote for that money to be spent on our public services – like our NHS, schools and expanded free childcare</li> <li>➤ Will press the UK government to meet their international obligations with regard to multilateral nuclear disarmament.</li> <li>➤ SNP MPs will support long-term investment in HMNB Faslane as a conventional military base. Investing in conventional defence</li> <li>➤ SNP MPs will hold the UK government to its promise on building the new Type-26 Frigates in Scotland.</li> <li>➤ SNP MPs will continue to campaign to protect Scotland’s bases – including</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ UKIP will spend a genuine two per cent of GDP on defence, and scale up defence spending by an additional £1 billion per year by the end of the parliament. UKIP will reverse the demilitarisation of our country and rebuild our Armed Forces.</li> <li>➤</li> </ul>
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		<p>the Philippines, Russia and Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work with international partners to build support for UN reform</li> <li>➤ Strong export controls have a vital role to play in sustaining a legitimate trade in arms, while protecting UK jobs &amp; R &amp; D.</li> <li>➤ Labour will implement the Arms Trade Treaty to a consistently high standard, including ceasing arms exports to countries where there is concern they will be used to violate international humanitarian law (IHL)</li> <li>➤ Will demand a UN-led investigation of alleged violations of IHL in Yemen...&amp; suspend further arms sales for use in the conflict until that investigation is concluded</li> <li>➤ Will properly equip and resource UK armed forces &amp;</li> </ul>		<p>Glencorse Barracks in Penicuik, Redford Barracks in Edinburgh, Fort George near Inverness &amp; MoD Caledonia in Rosyth – from closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SNP MPs will seek continued co-operation on detecting, disrupting and detaining criminals across borders through Europol &amp; seek assurances that Scottish law enforcement agencies will continue to have same level of access to Europol as currently enjoyed</li> <li>➤ Will act to ensure the UK government prioritises the duty of care to service personnel, veterans and their families, especially in the event of a loss of a serving relative</li> <li>➤ Will urge the UK government to redouble its efforts</li> </ul>	
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		<p>commit to UN peacekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Commitment to NATO</li><li>➤ 2 per cent GDP spend on defence</li><li>➤ Supports renewal of Trident deterrent but 'will lead multilateral efforts with international partners and UN to create a nuclear-free world</li></ul> <p>Support for personnel injured while serving</p>		<p>to bring about a political resolution, through the UN Security Council in accordance with its Resolution 2254, to end the six year conflict in Syria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Will uphold the international agreement which led to the end of the Republic of Iran's nuclear weapons programme</li><li>➤ Will continue to work with international partners to progress a lasting peace settlement in the Middle East, pursuing a two state solution for Israel and Palestine</li></ul>	
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