

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

KEY MESSAGES

Platform Trust

Platform is calling on the next Government to take four actions that will keep people well, prevent crisis, and strengthen community mental health and addiction support.

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Back community mental health and addiction services that keep people well



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Invest in solutions that work



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Protect the relationships that make recovery possible



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Act now to prevent crisis





***Back* community mental health and addiction services that keep people well**

“Strong communities need strong community mental health and addiction services”

- **Back** mental health and addiction NGOs that support people, whānau and communities every day
- **Back** services that reach people early and help keep them well close to home
- **Back** solutions that prevent distress from becoming crisis
- **Back** an integrated system where NGOs connect people with the support they need



***Invest* in solutions that work**

“The smartest investment is the one that prevents crisis before it happens”

- **Invest** in services that reduce pressure on hospitals, emergency departments, police and primary care
- **Invest** in proven community, peer-ed and kaupapa Māori approaches
- **Invest** in outcomes that matter: Wellbeing, housing, employment, education and whānau strength
- **Invest** with confidence: Every dollar spent delivers significant social and economic returns



***Protect* the relationships that make recovery possible**

“Recovery happens through relationships, not transactions”

- **Protect** care that is continuous, holistic and person-centred
- **Protect** the trusted relationships that support long-term recovery
- **Protect** services that walk alongside people through setbacks, progress and hope
- **Protect** this work with sustainable, long-term funding



***Act* now to prevent crisis**

“The cost of inaction is greater than the cost of investment”

- **Act** on the reality that NGOs can support a large share of people with a much smaller share of funding
- **Act** to achieve pay parity for a skilled and culturally responsive workforce
- **Act** to address funding instability that threatens essential community services
- **Act** with the sector to build a stronger and more sustainable system