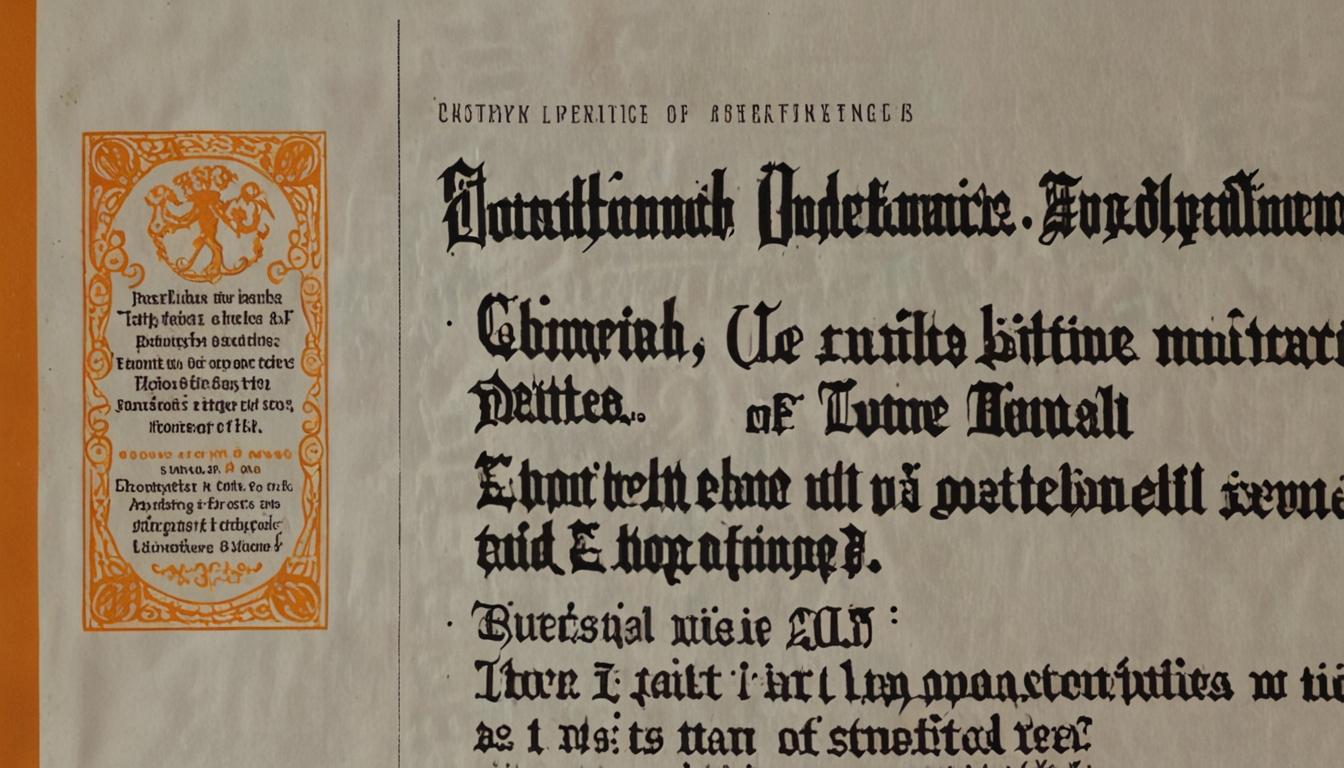
# SNP Launches 2024 General Election Manifesto Focused on Scottish Independence and NHS Funding



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John Swinney, the Scottish National Party (SNP) leader, launched the party's general election manifesto in Edinburgh on June 19, 2024. The manifesto outlines several key policies, including a strong push for Scottish independence and NHS funding improvements.

**Scottish Independence:**  
The manifesto reaffirms the SNP's commitment to independence, stating that winning a majority of Scottish Westminster seats would initiate negotiations with the UK government.

**NHS Funding:**  
The SNP calls for an additional £10 billion annual increase in NHS funding, with £1.6 billion allocated to Scotland. The manifesto also suggests a bill to maintain the NHS in public hands.

**Economic and Social Policies:**  
Swinney's manifesto opposes continued cuts by Westminster and advocates for investment in public services. It proposes scrapping the two-child limit on benefits, which affects 550,000 UK households.

**Foreign Policy and Defence:**  
The SNP urges the UK government to push for a ceasefire in Gaza and to halt arms sales to Israel. It also calls for the abolition of Trident, the UK's nuclear deterrent based in Scotland.

**Brexit and EU Membership:**  
The manifesto aims for Scotland to rejoin the EU and the single market, emphasizing the reversal of Brexit's impact.

**Energy and Environment:**  
The SNP focuses on transitioning to a green economy, calling for an investment of £28 billion per year and matching a £500 million “just transition fund” for Scotland’s oil and gas regions.

**Immigration:**  
The SNP advocates for devolving immigration control to Scotland to attract more foreign migrants, aiming to address demographic challenges.

**Drug Policy:**  
The manifesto proposes decriminalizing drug use for personal reasons and implementing drug treatment rooms, contingent on devolving drug policy to Scotland.

**Broadcasting:**  
The SNP calls for devolving broadcasting powers to better serve Scottish audiences and ensure major sporting events are shown on free-to-air channels.

The SNP manifesto aims to address multiple facets of Scottish governance while reiterating the party’s foundational goal of independence.