

PSALV manifesto
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Psoriasis Scotland Arthritis Link Volunteers PSALV *wants you to recognise and work for the following*

Psoriasis and Psoriatic arthritis to be classified and awarded chronic conditions status. It probably incurs the highest prescription charges of any chronic disease.

Implement guidelines for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis treatment in Scotland.

People must be able to expect and access expert diagnosis, referral and treatment for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis throughout Scotland.

Patient Pathways and self management training must be available for all who have psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis with appropriate access to dermatology and rheumatology clinics.

Combined clinics for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis where dermatologists and rheumatologists are available in every health board area in Scotland.

20% of GP appointments include skin disease and only 5% of GPs have postgraduate dermatology education and training. We demand priority status for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis diagnosis and treatment.

Recognise that psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis can and are disabling either temporarily or permanently. This requires a social and financial backup to enable people to access and comply with long term variable treatments that will continue till the day they die!

Introduce psychological backup. Improve public awareness of psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis especially with regard to social exclusion, discrimination and employment.