

National Policy Forum Nomination – South East Region

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Seeking your nomination for the National Policy Forum representing the South East

This summer all members will have the opportunity to vote for their representatives on the National Policy Forum representing the South East Region. I am writing to seek the support of your CLP. The closing date for nominations to be received is Friday 22nd June 2018. The ballot will be carried out by postal vote under OMOV.

I am aware that, in the past, many members were becoming disaffected with the process of the NPF. When members attend local policy forums they need to have the confidence that what they feed back to the NPF has an influence on the policy making process. I believe that recently things have improved and my commitment to you is that if I am re-elected I will ensure that this improvement continues. Since being elected to represent the South East Region 3 years ago I believe I have shown that I have the experience and credentials to be an effective representative on your behalf.

In 2015 I was elected as part of the Grass Roots Alliance and it has been a privilege to have represented the views of members on the Health and Care Policy Commission. I was delighted to see some of these views reflected in the Labour Manifesto which, in my opinion, was the best manifesto that the party has fought on in years.

I would value the opportunity to continue in my role as one of your NPF representatives and build on what was achieved with that manifesto and that is why I have decided to put my name forward again. During the time that I have represented our region on the NPF, I have attended and helped facilitate local policy forums across the region and have really enjoyed meeting members and listening to their valuable contributions.

In 2015 I committed to:-

- Listen to all members
- Visit CLPs and local policy forums so I knew the views of members
- Put forward the case for the South East at national level
- Work closely with other South East representatives

I feel that I have honoured these commitments and pledge to continue to make sure that the views of South East members are represented in policy discussions and that the process of the NPF is conducted in a transparent manner. I will always stand for the principles I, and the members, think are important.

I am a long standing and active trade unionist in Unite. I have been elected on three occasions to represent the SE on the Unite Executive Council, which is its governing body. I sit on the SE Health Sector Committee and represent the SE on the National Health Sector Committee. I also sit on the SE Women's Committee and represent the region on the National Women's Committee. I am a member of the SE Labour Liaison Committee (Political Committee).

I have worked in the NHS as a Nurse for over 40 years. I am a trained Nurse, Midwife and now work as a Health Visitor. I am a Workplace Representative and regularly act for my members in grievance and disciplinary cases. I have represented my union as a speaker at a number of rallies and recently I spoke on the NHS at the rally in Southampton. I am heartened to see the close links that the party now has with the Trade Union movement. I have been an active member of the Labour party for over 25 years and attend SE Regional Board meetings in my role as an NPF member. I have served at every level of the party from Town Councillor to Parliamentary Candidate. I am the Secretary of my own CLP, North East Hampshire.

I have lived in Hampshire with my family for the past 35 years and am acutely aware of all the problems we face both in the NHS and all of our public services which have been massively underfunded. I am passionate about the Labour Party and its principles and values, that we should have decent public services for all and that the NHS is properly funded; I see every day the impact of Tory austerity cuts on my clients. There should be equal opportunity for all and workers should have decent rights and security of employment. These are the things that I feel passionate about, and this is why I am seeking your support as I wish to continue and build on what has already been achieved.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I would be most grateful for your continued support.