



Seeking nomination for the National Policy Forum (North West) elections 2018

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Dear Colleagues,

In the summer we will be voting to decide who represents members in our region on the National Policy Forum, I am writing to ask for your constituency's nomination. **The closing date for CLP nominations is Friday 22nd June 2018**, details of the process and nomination forms have been sent to your CLP secretary with the annual conference pack. The nominations period will then be followed by a one-member-one-vote ballot.

About me

I am a former nurse and unsurprisingly I am passionate about the NHS, health and social care. I believe that a socialised model of health not only ensures dignity in health but underpins a humane society. Having worked for 10 years in Palliative Care, I know from experience how the realities of poverty impact upon health outcomes. This is a policy area I would take a specific and personal interest in as your representative, and I feel my contributions could feed into collective discussions which would strengthen Labour's policy on health and social care. In particular I would be advocating to keep the NHS in public hands; to end outsourcing to private providers and to protect the future of the NHS through a policy that would always ensure sufficient funding. In addition to this interest, I would also prioritise policy issues relating to the North West: Transport, Education, Housing and the Environment (especially fracking).

Process and accessibility

As a grassroots party it is essential that our structures fully engage with us as the membership, our processes should be open and transparent, and make every effort to be accessible. This means NPF representatives participating in policy discussions and listening to members' views in a range of forums. If elected, I would therefore make every effort to attend annual and regional conference and to visit CLPs in our region. Following these conversations, I would actively raise any policy issues of importance to members, and then subsequently produce reports of my work as a representative. Above all, I would seek to be held accountable by the members who I wish to serve.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Yours in solidarity,

Angela Coleman