**Brexit**

**·         How will you ensure that Brexit will not turn back the clock on gender equality and will ensure a fair deal for women?**

**Difficult - we must endure that the workers rights and gender equality legislation enshrined in European laws and guidelines - become part of british laws. A Labour Governement will make sure that this happens.**

**Equal Education**

**·         What would be your approach to establishing robust Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) including LGBT+ sex education in all schools?**

**It was one of the worst things about the end of the Labour Government that the bill to make PHSE - including SRE - compulsory was lost at the very end of the parliament. I think these things should be made compulsory but in a fragmented education environment, it will only happen consistently across all schools if it forms part of the Ofsted inspectorial framework. There are so many dangers for our young people today - they must have the tools and information to protect themselves.**

**Equal Parenting and Caregiving**

**·         What would be your approach to supporting more equal parenting, for example shared paid parental leave?**

**This is a relevant section of the Labour Party Manifesto on this topic**

1. Double paid paternity leave to four weeks and increase paternity pay – because fathers are parents too and deserve to spend more time with their new babies.
2. Strengthen protections for women against unfair redundancy Ð because no one should be penalised for having children.

**I agree with this**

**An End to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**

**·         We are in support of the Nottingham Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence campaigns group (including Women's Aid Integrated Services; Notts Rape Crisis Centre; Nottingham Women's Centre and Equation among other local charities) which we are aware have asked candidates questions around VAWG and we will share links to their pages detailing candidates responses to their questions.**

**·         Do you have any additional comments about tackling and addressing gender based violence locally?**

**We cannot rest until this aim is complete. We must do more with boys and girls in education settings to seek to better model relationships with them. I have been supportive of the GREAT -good relationships are equal and caring - whilst I have been a councillor. I have also supported the 'Sanctuary' project where women and their children who have been abused can stay in their home which is made safe and strong to protect them**

**About You**

**·         What has been your track record in promoting equality in your previous work and career?**

**I have been a headteacher of a primary school where nearly all my staff were women. I supported women in senior positions and mentored others to be able to apply for more senior positions. I have supported Labour Party all women shortlists in order to increased the representation of women on Nottingham City Council. This has happened during the last ten years - but we are still not quite at 50-50 representation so there is more work to do**