**UNISON Election Statements**

**South Area Convenor**

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| **Name** | **Statements** |
| Daniel Cooper | Hi, my name is Dan Cooper and I’m running for Unison Convenor and Labour Link Officer. I’ve been a steward for around 5 years and a paramedic for 10 years.  I was involved in much of the organisation for industrial action last year and making sure we got the numbers for the ballot. I also have experience representing members as well as advocating for their rights and making sure the trust sticks to policy.  If I’m elected, I promise to be there to represent you robustly and fairly when you need us, as well as to continue to campaign for better working conditions for our members.  In the coming year I plan to campaign for wider change on bigger issues that affect us as members, such as the use of private crews by the trust, something which wastes millions of pounds that could be reinvested into our service.  My main passion is democracy, representation and giving a voice to the workers’ movement. I also want use the position to make our union more transparent and improve communication with members, so that you are more involved in the decisions which affect your working life.  Thanks for considering voting for me. |
| Shaun Hobsn | I have many years’ experiences as convenor.  I strongly believe in an inclusive UNISON branch and work hard to ensure all our members regardless of race, religion, gender or political persuasion are equally represented.  I am a committed supporter of the NHS and stand firmly against the increasing wave of privatisation in the Ambulance Service and wider NHS.  I have successfully campaigned and helped negotiate many of our beneficial terms and conditions over the years and represented numerous members from all sectors of the service at disciplinary and sickness panels with 100% success as well as dealing with many different confidential matters for members.  I regularly visit all our local stations in order to meet our members and report their views and concerns back to the branch committee. I regularly hold station meetings and will continue to do so in the future.  My pledge to you is to continue to represent you in all aspects of trade union matters to the very best of my ability and to remind you that my phone is always on for you to contact me no matter what time of the day.  Together in UNISON  Thank you for your support |
| Simon Stead | Dear Members.  I have been involved with Unison for many years as a Rep and Convenor. I have excellent negotiation and communication skills and have gained vast amounts of knowledge and experience in policies, procedures and representing members at all grades with good outcomes for all concerned.  I am UNISON’s staff side lead on rotas and after many months of negotiations we are finalising many station rotas with members full engagement to improve rotas and make them equitable across all stations.  The NHS is under extreme pressure and as every year passes this appears to be increasing. As a valued member I want to stop any privatisation within the Ambulance Service and wider NHS and maintain and improve our terms and conditions and working practices.  If voted my aim is to have regular surgeries within the South CBU and as usual I am also available via e mails and phone. I also promise to represent you to the best of my ability to achieve satisfactory outcomes for members.  I would like to thank you all for your support over the last year and please remember we are stronger together. Thank You. |

**Labour Link Officer**

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| **Name** | **Statement** |
| Bryan Bell | I wish to be nominated for this role as I believe it is vital for both UNISON and Labour to work together for the benefit of our members. As a long-term member of Labour and UNISON I bring 36 years of experience to this position.  I already have proactive links to two labour candidates and will look to develop these relationships with our branch both locally and nationally.  I pledge to have regular meetings for labour link levy payers to circulate information from the Labour Party and UNISON to members. I promise I will campaign to strengthen links with Labour locally by getting the branch to affiliate with the local Labour Party and elect delegates to attend meetings. I will communicate on a regular basis with the Labour link regional officer and report back to our members. I also pledge to campaign to coordinate with labour both locally and nationally around key issues for our members such as privatisation and pay etc.  Finally, as a Labour Party supporter with neither left- or right-wing preference I am standing on the principle of the party’s trade union foundations which I will on behalf of our members fight to maintain.  Thank you. |
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