



## UNISON Branch Election Statements

UNISON Yorkshire Ambulance Branch has received two nominations for the International Officer and Health and Safety South post. As per UNISON rules, these will now go out for vote. Please find the election statements below and vote either by emailing [yas.unisonvote@nhs.net](mailto:yas.unisonvote@nhs.net) or returning the voting slip below. **The voting periods are from midday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, closing at midday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

### South Health and Safety Lead

#### Maria Clarry

My name is Maria Clarry and I'm based at Maltby Ambulance station as an AEMT, I have worked for YAS for over 22 years working in PTS, EOC and A&E OPs. I've been a union steward for around 2 years, during this time I've represented members with positive outcomes and helped co-ordinate Maltby's strikes during our time of industrial action.

Since becoming a steward I started to realise I had a passion for speaking up when things are not going how they should, I started to study and undertake courses in health and safety and spent some of my own time with Bryan Bell (your current H&S officer) to learn more about creating a work place which abides by the standards of Health and Safety.

This really gave me a thirst to want to do more for all the members of unison from a health and safety point of view, I would hope my various roles throughout YAS has given me the knowledge of members requirements from a H&S point of view whilst working alongside Callflex, fleet and support services to gain more knowledge on what UNISON can achieve for them to create better working environments including staff welfare.

#### Daniel Cooper

No election statement submitted

<b>International Officer</b>
<b>Chris Wood</b>
<p>"My name is Chris Wood and I'm a SPUC based in South Yorkshire. I served diligently as a convenor for several years until 2023. I do not feel that the role of International Officer has been properly employed within our union and I believe it's something that can be developed to become a valuable contribution to our working lives. I see this role as having two main aspects. In the main we want to foster awareness amongst members about the significance of international solidarity, within the broader context of UNISONS work. This involves keeping our members informed on UNISON international policy and providing insight into international issues that affect workers across the world. The second is to build strong relationships and affiliations with international sister trade unions in the ambulance and prehospital sectors. I want to find and share stories of how our colleagues have met and overcome adversity. How they have been able to grow as a collective, protect jobs, maintain and improve working lives and how they have continued to provide healthcare in ever challenging environments. My goal is to cultivate an international perspective among our members, stewards, and branch officers, strengthening UNISONS global impact."</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<b>Tristan Metcalfe</b>
No election statement submitted

**South Health and Safety Lead** (Please put a cross in the box for the preferred candidate below)

This vote is for South area votes only including those affected in Callflex and EOC

Membership number	Maria Clarry	Daniel Cooper

**International Officer** (Please put a cross in the box for the preferred candidate below)

This vote is Trust wide

Membership number	Chris Wood	Tristan Metcalfe

\*membership number must be included or voting slip will be void