



James Anthony for the NEC

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Dear colleague,

Nomination for National Executive Council – Health (General) Seat

Firstly, I'd like to thank all your branch officers, stewards and activists for all your hard work over this last year. I know you've had to step up to support our members and keep them safe through the pandemic, with many of you also having to step up in your day jobs.

I've never been more proud of working as a nurse in the NHS, and never been more proud of our union as your NEC member and vice president. I'd be hugely grateful if your branch could nominate me to continue as your NEC member in the Healthcare (General) seat.

While we fight this virus and hope to get back to normal, we must be clear that normal was never good enough. We must work to build a better society and learn the lessons of the pandemic

One Team - Fighting for pay for all

The public have never supported health workers more and seen the vital role everyone in our One Team for the NHS plays. But after over a decade of austerity and pay restraint; claps do not put money in the pockets of health workers. Members must be at the heart of our campaign for substantial pay increases for NHS staff, and to deliver this to all contracted out members too.

One Team - Fighting for the NHS and against privatisation

Our NHS is vital, and we cannot allow this Government to use the cost of the pandemic as a reason to cut funding and privatise services. In recent years our members have fought and won against attempts to spin off staff outside the NHS to subsidiary companies to fiddle the VAT and undermine the pay and conditions

of staff. Not only should we continue to fight every attempt at taking our members out of the NHS, we must fight to bring staff fully back in house.

One Team - Supporting branches and supporting members

I know that as times get tough, our members are coming to you more and more and you need time and regional support to meet their needs. Without you all in the branch, our members don't get the support they need, and you're facing complex problems in a complex array of employers. Through the branch resource review, I will ensure your branch will get the support it needs.

An exciting new time for UNISON

Christina McAnea's election marks an exciting new time for our union. We face very different challenges to 20 years ago, I will work with Christina to get our members more involved in our union and all working together to meet those challenges.

A united union and a united NEC health team

The Health Service Group also needs a united NEC Team who put the interests of members first always. This is why I'm also asking Branches to consider nominating **Michelle England** and **Pat Heron** for the female seats and **Gordon MacKay** for the male seat.

In unity,



James Anthony

University Hospitals Birmingham Branch

Nominations have to be made at a **quorate Branch Committee or Branch Meeting** from the 1st February and submitted before the **5th March**. Nominations must be submitted via the online portal, your branch secretary will have received a link via email. If you can't find it, you can contact unison@cesvotes.com to get it resent. Full details can be found at www.unison.org.uk/elections