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| **UNISON Voting Form** |
| **Process**During recent nominations, two members were put forward for one post. The available post is Equalities Co-ordinator. Below you will find statements from both candidates, and as a UNISON YAS Branch member you are entitled to vote for whichever candidate you wish. Please place a cross in the box below the individual you wish to nominate for the position. Please ensure you have put your name and membership number on the form below. Membership numbers can be found by calling UNISON Direct on 08000 857857.Forms can be sent to Kevin Fairfax, union office, Springhill 1, Brindley Way, Wakefield, WF2 0XQ or email kevin.fairfax@nhs.net please ensure you include your name, membership number, station and who you wish to vote for the post.  |
| **Equalities Co-ordinator Statements** |
| Abbie Cunningham- Stanley | Islam Faqir |
| My name is Abbie Cunningham-Stanley I am a Quality Auditor in the EOC and I am based at Wakefield HQ. I have worked for YAS for 18 years during this time I have worked as an EMD and a Quality Auditor. I have been your LGBT+ Lead for the past 4 years, during this time I have attended conference every year, and kept in touch with the staff networks, both of which have kept me on top of changes and issues surrounding LGBT+ as well as being able to get involved with campaigns.I was successful in being elected to be your Equalities coordinator last year, being new to the role I have thrown myself in to a variety of network meetings, sub groups, Equality and Diversity meetings and the Dignity and respect group. Being involved in these groups has enabled me to understand more in depth issues ongoing throughout the service. I have learnt a lot over the past year and I would love to continue putting my knowledge and skills in to promoting Equality and Diversity throughout the workplace and support members in any issues they may face  | Equality Lead My name is Islam Faqir I am a Paramedic and have been a member of UNISON for 20 years; I am standing for election for the Equality & Diversity Lead.This role is an important position within the branch, the issue of inequality is one that most of us have all been through, and as a disabled member of staff I know this more than most.To highlight and raise awareness I have been tackling these issues at a Branch and Regional level. I have designed various survey’s and reported on equality related issues that have led to development and changes to policy a recent example was assisting the Trust in developing a policy to help staff who suffer with diabetes and take insulin have a clear process to enable staff to drive Trust vehicles.I have represented staff across the Trust around equality issues and helped guide and ask for changes to policy to challenge any discrimination where identified.I hope to secure your vote for me and let's begin to stand together for equal rights and opportunities for every member of staff.I am also standing for the disability and west convenor, thank you. |
| **Please vote for one Equality Co-ordinator from the two names below. Place a cross in the box below the name you wish to vote for.**  |
| **Abbie Cunningham- Stanley** | **Islam Faqir** |
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Closing Date – 1200hrs - January 21st 2020