

Mayoral Area: West of England

Party: Labour

Candidate name: Dan Norris

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1. If elected, will you champion social workers in your area?

As a qualified and former practicing child protection officer, I certainly will.

2. Directly elected Mayors can use their position to effectively champion national issues on behalf of their constituents. If elected, will you use your influence to raise issues relating to social work with national Government?

I certainly will - I intend to make use of the soft power of the Metro Mayor to push for better child protection measures and raise issues related to social work just as I did as the Member of Parliament for Wansdyke. For more information, please refer to my Wikipedia entry.

3. If elected, will you (when suitable) make representations for the investment in social work recruitment, education, and retention initiatives?

Absolutely.

4. If elected, will you promote equality and diversity in your area?

I will continue to do this, as always.

5. If elected, will you seek to tackle poverty and the causes of poverty in your area?

I will do this, as I have done throughout my political career.

6. If elected, will you seek to tackle homelessness and the causes of homelessness in your area?

Yes absolutely - I am proud to have been a part of a Labour government that all but eliminated rough sleeping and significantly reduced homelessness, and will make it one of my top priorities.

7. Please write no more than 300 words on what you would like our members to know about your candidacy.

I have a master's degree in social work and practiced in the West of England for many years. I played a key role in the introduction of Sarah's Law in England and Wales among other social work initiatives. I will work hard to address the above challenges and actively advocate for the social work profession.