



Abi Harris

I believe in UNISON's role in helping to protect our members in times of change and uncertainty. I have been Assistant Branch Secretary for four years, long enough to gain substantial experience but not so long that I take the privilege for granted. Whilst we have a successful branch I don't believe we always get everything right for you and I know we can do better.

I have strong relationships with the PCC, Chief Officers, HR, PSD and G4S, allowing essential early input. I am recognised force-wide for showing strength and determination when representing members' interests. I maintain regular contact with the IOPC and have one-to-one meetings with Unisons solicitor to assure the best service.

I genuinely care about my members and have extensive experience of representing them with empathy and passion, previously winning Caseworker of the Year. My law degree, Masters and Legal Practice Course provide me with in-depth legal knowledge, including contract and employment law. I have excellent litigation skills, as evidenced by getting criminal elements of members' misconduct proceedings dropped.

As an accredited mediator I have excellent communication skills, and confidently negotiate with senior management, reinstating your December pay date after it was changed at late notice, and gaining the first medical redeployment on mental health grounds.

I stood down from my position on the National SGE because it diverted too much time without benefitting members, using my contact with our national officer to ensure your issues are still raised on a national level. I want to empower members, training more representatives in post-incident management and IOPC work, providing resilience through numbers, rather than a single point of contact.

I believe it is time for a change and believe I have the knowledge, professionalism and commitment to do this as Branch Secretary with your support.