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I am seeking election as I feel I have the necessary skills, knowledge and commitment. As your representative I will work tirelessly to ensure that people with a learning disability are put first in everything we do. I am passionate about ensuring people with Learning Disabilities and their families have a voice, are listened to and exercise their rights.

As a qualified social worker, I have spent my life working in this area and have family members with learning disabilities. I understand the importance of working together to achieve better lives for people. My brother in law has a learning disability and is autistic. I ensure his voice was heard and what he wants is put first, helping him to move from registered care to his own house. He now has friends and socialises with people he chooses to be with. I also supported my nephew who has Downs syndrome, to make his own choices during transition from school to the life that he wants as a young adult.

I previously worked for Dimensions as North East Regional Director, I spent 12 years supporting people with a learning



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disability helping them to lead the lives they wanted. The voice of disabled people shapes my working practice. I helped to set up an organisation called NETS(work) to help provider organisations offer better support and to be better connected to other parts of the health and care system in the North East. I know that being connected to the whole care and health system is important.

I currently work at Skills for People as Deputy Chief Executive. Part of my role involves training social work students on placement here at Skills including involving self advocates who enable the students to understand the experiences of disabled people.

Please vote for me!

Nick is standing for election to represent his organisation Skills for People.



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