

HEALTH BOARD NEEDS YOU

I am Morris Brown and I'm standing for election onto the Fife Health Board.

Its tough asking people to vote for you when you have not done such a thing before. I am only a workingman like thousands across Fife, and although I am now a self employed driving instructor, I spent many years working in farming and just over two years on the front line at Victoria Hospital Kirkcaldy.

The experience of working in the Wards, theatres and corridors of Victoria Hospital with patients and front line staff made me a very grounded individual but appreciative of the fragile environment in which we all live and work. I believe positive engagement with staff at all levels is critical to making the right decisions in NHS Fife and I'm only too aware of the frustrations of front line staff when they are faced with policy decisions and spending decisions which to them don't reflect the priorities they see in their daily routines.

I may well ask awkward questions as a Board member and may not prove to be universally popular at times if I don't like the answers provided. However, if people are on Boards for too long, they may become blinded by their experience. In other words they have been part of the decision making process of the past and this pilot to have elected representation on the NHS Board is something very new. If we are to have real change, we need new faces and new ideas alongside the existing Board members. I offer something different as a youngish candidate, I'm 31, with no board experience but a desire and a passion to work on the Board for the benefit of Joe Public and front line NHS staff -- because I am Joe Public and I have been front line staff. Please give me the opportunity to be your voice and I will make every effort to positively engage on your behalf.

Thanks
Morris Brown