



Student Health Care

Conference Believes;

Students presently have limited access and entitlement to all of health care including prescriptions, dentist work and eye care.

The current government system is means tested and therefore presumes parental support is available for the student.

There is growing proportion of Doctors and Dentists turning the back on the NHS and going private.

Further Believes;

It is unacceptable students should forfeit their healthcare due to the prohibitive costs.

This present Labour has increased levels of bureaucracy in health care so much that it is discouraging doctors and dentists from taking NHS patients.

NUS believes when choice is removed equality of opportunity is threatened.

Student's health and overall well being had a direct impact on academic achievement.

Students who cannot afford regular dentist visits and medical care have their hardship increased and their quality of life decreased.

Conference resolves;

Conference believes that private funding indicatives (PFI) and indeed the systematic privatisation by the Labour government of traditional public services is damaging to the student community and society at large.

NUS believes in free healthcare for all students.

NUS demands that the government reevaluates the current system.

NUS must research the current level of provision for student healthcare and to use that factual information to inform a wide-ranging campaign fighting for a just healthcare system.