

Action Group – Access to Student Healthcare
Meeting Date: 03.06.24**Present**

Dean Turner, Welfare and Community Officer **(DT) (Allocated Officer)**
Scott Dawson, Student Voice and Representation Manager **(SD) (Note Taker)**
Fern Warwick, Welfare and Liberation Committee Member, Idea Submitter **(FW)**

Idea for Discussion:**Current Policy**

The Guild believes that all students at the University of Birmingham and beyond have the right to free and accessible local health services. This is particularly important for International Students, Women, LGBTQ+ students, BAME and Disabled Students who would face greater barriers such as cost, wait times and discrimination within healthcare.

Healthcare should be provided in a way that is fully accessible to any student or human being, regardless of background or individual student status. The Guild commits to lobbying the University, Council and working with local services to reduce inequalities and ensure advice provided to students on these services (such as through guild advice) is accurate and informative.

Minutes from meeting 03.06.24

DT: Reading the policy, it is not too drastically different to the previous policy that went to ASV?

FW: Confirmed It is a copy of what we took forward to the last action group.

DT: Agreed and this is a well-worded policy. Did speak to Docs not Cops (on the previous committee) but unfortunately couldn't attend today. This should be able to go straight to ASV.

SD: Noted why this has to go to ASV again, as it did not hit the quoracy required. Therefore automatic implementation would not seem appropriate. It requires that ASV student mandate.

DT: Added we could probably do some proactive promotion and engagement on this idea for next week at the all student vote. Optimistic it should become quorate.

SD: Noting considerations towards the ASV and campaigning and advocacy required for the voting period next week.

FW: Felt this policy could be connected to the general election, as its holding political leaders to account on an issue that is and will be impacting students.

DT: Agreed, lets put it forward to ASV.

Agreed Actions:

- There was consensus that the policy should be taken forward to the All Student Vote, with approval from DT as Chair.

Any questions regarding approval, next steps or requests for further information can be submitted to: studentvoice@guild.bham.ac.uk