Healthcare For Our Trans Students

Passed by: Senedd Passed on: 04/11/2019 Policy lapsed: 04/11/2022 Status: Lapsed Officer Responsible: Wellbeing Officer

Summary

Getting appropriate healthcare as a trans student is daunting, difficult and downright confusing, we can do more to help.

Details

Transgender Students face many difficulties during their university experience. Accessing healthcare related to their transition, and the pathway involved is complicated, convoluted and confusing to navigate. This is made worse by different GP services and healthcare professionals having different opinions on the correct way to process these students.

I'd like for AberSU to face some of these difficulties by approaching student support, the university and local GP services to educate them on the correct ways to handle such cases and to effectively streamline the process of accessing healthcare. This will also include appropriate ways on handling other aspects of the Trans-student life relating to their overall wellbeing (such as name changing and gender changing services and accessing private healthcare if desired).

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Actions List

Actions Taken	Name and Role	Date
The Policy was raised by the Wellbeing Officer at the Trans Policy Implementation working group in early 2020. It was agreed that further discussions would be held with an appropriate contact at Hywel Dda University Health Board to take the issues further. It was noted that Hywel Dda University Health Board were in the process of appointing a lead contact for trans related health care in North Ceredigion which should support such issues. While conversations have been initiated to clarify further progress, these have been temporarily placed on hold as a response to COVID-19.	N/A	N/A

Lyra, our LGBTQ+ Officer has also worked with other Officers in Wales	
to submit a similar policy to this year's NUS Wales Conference, so that	
the issues of trans health care can be tackled at a national level.	

For more information about this Lapsed Policy, contact SU Voice Department at suvoice@aber.ac.uk