

WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

For the attention of:	Executive Committee	Taking place on:	28/06/17
Name:	Kathryn Younger	Action:	To note

Summary: *This paper provides an update on the work of the Executive Committee member*

Priority campaign(s) and objective(s)

1. Policy: Gender Neutral Toilets
2. Priority Campaigns: Safer Taxis and Buddy Scheme

Progress on priority campaign(s)

Safer Taxis

1. Created a process for front desk staff/taxi drivers in dealing with fares and cards
2. iCentre agreed to not reissue cards to students whose cards are with us
3. CamCab are in contact with us around promotion for Freshers
4. Handover is complete with suggestions on how the scheme could be developed

Buddy Scheme

1. I have met with the course leader of midwifery (on behalf of students) who have designed a scheme that fits around the mode of their studies.

Sexual Respect @ ARU

1. There have been two meetings of this group so far
2. Nominees for non-specialist staff to be trained as Sexual Violence Liaison Officers, creation of specific procedures and guidelines of disclosure and support for students, staff and bystanders; discussing implementing consent classes;
3. Working with ARU on their White Ribbon campaign, focused on men campaigning against violence towards women and girls. Currently searching for male students who would be interested in being ambassadors.

Improving Prayer Spaces on Campus

1. Renovations on the prayer spaces have begun in Chelmsford
2. The University have hosted Iftars for Muslim students during Ramadan

Registration for Trans and LGBT+ self-defining students

1. The university have updated their registration process to be more inclusive of trans and LGBT+ self-defining students. Hopefully they will be able to add in drop-downs for those self-define at pansexual and asexual, or add a freetext box for students to define as they wish.
2. There is still an issue with registration for trans students wishing to use their preferred name. The university are working on improving this, as there are fourteen separate databases information is pulled from to create student registration accounts.

3. Working with Jamie Vincent to get more accessible information on student services website on how to change your student ID card if a student has changed their name.

Disabled Students' Guide to ARU

1. The guide has been created and there are plans to create a similar guide for Cambridge
2. The university is interested in creating audio/video versions of the guide

On-Campus Medical Centres

1. I am gathering student feedback on the state of the Chelmsford Campus medical centre regarding fees for letters, inability to get appointments, being charged for making phone calls
2. Feedback for the Cambridge campus is ongoing, currently there is still a lot of discussion around whether medical letters are even effective

PREVENT

1. The Chaplaincy, Secretary and Clerk and university Marketing department have recently undertaken work to improve their wording of and explanation to students regarding their concerns around PREVENT guidelines.
2. I was asked to weigh in and feed back that rather than a large essay be published around free speech and why the university must comply with these rules, the specific concerns of students should be laid out and answered clearly.