

# AGAINST NHS CUTS POLICY

Title:	Against NUS Cuts	Date of Student Council:	17/11/16
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## Union Notes:

1. Bursaries will be cut for nursing students, introducing them to high levels of debt. This will drive down recruitment of nursing and allied healthcare students to our university, further driving up costs for struggling NHS as there will be a reduced workforce. <sup>4</sup>
2. Our nursing course is one of the best in the country and provides trains thousands of students every year for guaranteed jobs every year. Anglia Ruskin University is the largest provider of Health, Social Care and Education Courses in the East of England, with over 10,000 students<sup>1</sup>, and was named as one of the top 10 places in the country to study nursing. <sup>3</sup>
3. With simultaneous cuts to local and community healthcare, waiting times for even basic mental health treatment in the local area are up to five times as long compared to the average university waiting time and leads to a lack of continuity among treatment. <sup>2</sup>
4. Cuts to outside healthcare services mean more students will seek mental health help from universities, the services of which are also unable to meet demand with the recommended ratio of counsellors to students being 1:1,358 while the average sits at 1:5,000. <sup>2</sup>

## Union Believes:

1. Cuts to the NHS affect students on multiple levels: that bursaries being cut will affect access to these courses for debt-averse students, mature students and those from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Cuts to community healthcare also affect the wellbeing of students that need more specialist and longer term support in dealing with mental health issues.
2. ARU Students Union has already taken stands against future rises to fees to and the marketisation of higher education: namely, attending NUS' National Demonstration and adopting a stance against the Teaching Excellence Framework

## Union Resolves:

1. To stand and campaign against all proposed cuts to NHS services
2. To support student campaigns against cuts to the Nursing and Allied Healthcare students
3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to NHS services.

## Sources

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