Warwick SU Supports Trans Students in Accessing Healthcare

This Union Notes:

1. The current waiting time for an appointment at a Gender Identity Clinic (GIC) is around a year as of 2018. As many trans students often don't get referred until at university, this means students can be in their 2nd or 3rd year before they can get seen. Additionally, it is very difficult to change appointment times. ¹
2. There are few GICs, resulting in trans students often having to travel far to reach their nearest GIC.²
3. The demand for GIC appointments vastly outnumbers the number available, due to no increase in provision despite increased demand. ³

This Union Believes:

1. Trans students already face many barriers in getting healthcare, as well as everyday discrimination.⁴
2. Trans Students should not have to miss out on health care because of exams or deadlines, or for financial reasons.
3. Trans students should not have to pay for private health care because they cannot access NHS health care.
4. Private clinics are a luxury many trans students cannot afford.
5. Trans students should be supported by the SU to ensure they can reach GIC appointments.
6. That there should be more GICs in the UK.

This Union Resolves:

1. That the Education Officer and Trans Students’ Officer should lobby the university to make alternative arrangements for students if they have to miss an exam or important deadline to go to a GIC Appointment.
2. That the Welfare Officer and Trans Students' Officer should lobby the University to set up a travel fund to support trans students in accessing medical care that involve long distance travel.
3. That the Trans Students' Officer, with the support of the Sabbatical team, should support the creation of more GICs in the UK.

¹ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-42774750
² https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmselect/cmwomeq/390/39008.htm (point 218)
³ transgender-clinic-waiting-times-patient-numbers-soar-gender-identity-services
⁴ new-research-exposes-profound-discrimination-trans-people-face