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# Trans Students' Conference Motions document

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### **Motion 1**

### Fighting for proper healthcare

### Tabled by: University of Strathclyde Students' Association

### **Conference notes:**

- 1. Gatekeeping is a widespread procedure used in the Gender Identity Clinics' process to stop trans people from receiving the healthcare they want.
- 2. In order to receive the appropriate healthcare such as hormones, hair removal, or surgery, service users often have to fulfil stereotypical expectations of femininity or masculinity.
- 3. Many patients have been denied healthcare due to mental health problems.

### **Conference believes:**

- 1. Trans people should not be expected to conform to gender stereotypes in order to access treatment.
- 2. Gender Identity Clinics should not hold the power to withhold or threaten access to healthcare.
- 3. Trans people know best what treatment they want for themselves.

### **Conference resolves:**

- 1. To campaign for trans healthcare to run under a depathologised "informed consent" model: Meaning that after going through the medical risks of transition with GIC staff, the patient decide whether they want to undergo treatment.
- 2. Advocate for higher funding and staffing levels.
- 3. Lobby for a review of administrative procedures.
- 4. Affiliate to and work with organisations like Action for Trans Health.
- 5. Support policies that would move towards greater patient involvement and control of trans healthcare.
- 6. Encourage the provision of speech and language therapy for trans patients that does not conform to ableist/classist notions of what people sound like.
- 7. Lobby for greater inclusion of non-binary people's healthcare needs.
- 8. Work with sexual health providers to ensure best practice on treating trans patients
- 9. Provide a toolkit explaining how students can navigate the trans healthcare system.
- 10. Organise advocacy training sessions in unions and colleges to teach trans students about healthcare advocacy
- 11. To lobby for information on HIV prevention and living with HIV to be inclusive of trans people, in particular transfeminine people and trans people of colour.
- 12. To lobby for counselling services at universities and colleges to be trans-inclusive.
- 13. To campaign for bridging prescriptions to be made more widely available.

## Motion 2 Combatting transmisogyny Tabled by: University of Strathclyde Students' Association Conference notes:

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1. Transmisogyny is the intersection of misogyny and transphobia, specifically affecting trans women and transfeminine people.

#### **Conference believes:**

- 1. We need to be clearer about the difference between transphobia and transmisogyny, and tackle transmisogyny specifically.
- 2. While it is largely cisgender people who create the conditions under which trans women are oppressed, transmisogyny can and is also perpetrated by trans men and some non-binary people who don't identify as women.

### **Conference resolves:**

- 1. To educate students about transmisogyny by creating accessible resources and letting trans women share their experiences in the creation of these.
- 2. To challenge transmisogyny within LGBT+ and Trans Societies, at NUS Scotland Trans Conference, and wherever possible beyond these spaces.
- 3. To work with the Women's Campaign on tackling transmisogyny.

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