

AGAINST NHS CUTS POLICY

Title:	Against NHS Cuts	Date of Student Council:	05/12/2017
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Union Notes:

1. Bursaries have been cut for nursing students, which has introduced high levels of debt. This has been predicted to drive down recruitment and allied health students at ARU.
2. ARU is the largest provider of Health, social care and Education course in the East of England, with over 10,000 students and the university has been named one of the top 10 places in the country to study nursing.
3. Cuts to healthcare services means students will be seeking more Mental Health assistance from universities which will mean that there will be a larger demand for services that may not be met. The ratio of students to counsellors is 1:1,358, which shows just how stretched counsellors are to provide services for students.

Union Believes:

1. Cuts against the NHS affect students on multiple levels and create barriers to accessing these courses for various demographics of students.
2. Cuts to community health care also affects the wellbeing of students their ability to access needed care from facilities in a timely manner with regards to mental health and other presenting health issues.
3. ARU SU is against future cuts to the NHS and rising of fees. Cambridge ARU students attended a demonstration for free education in London and Chelmsford students created banners in support of the free education campaign.

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 health professions
3. To support local community campaigns against cuts to NHS services