

Resist NHS migrant charges: Union Motion (Doctors in Unite)

Doctors in Unite deplores the way migrant charges, identity checks and information sharing are being used as part of the Hostile Environment to prevent and discourage people from accessing healthcare. The charges, and the widespread fear of incurring them and of debt being reported to the Home Office, affect all migrants including those seeking asylum and those who are undocumented due to having to flee from war and oppression.

Doctors in Unite call on the Unite the Union to:-

- 1. Oppose migrant charging, identity checks and information sharing, by organising strong union support and link in solidarity with migrant communities, health workers and all who are or will be patients in the NHS, to oppose the charges.*
- 2. Support campaigns such as Patients not Passports and regional and local migrant solidarity groups, by initiating an information dissemination campaign for our members throughout the UK to raise awareness of the effects of migrant charges and to encourage branches to invite speakers, preferably with lived experience of the hostile environment, from those organisations.*
- 3. Ensure through our representation within NHS organisations, alongside other health unions, that the employer upholds the principles guiding clinical care, including "First Do No Harm", the Duties of a Doctor, Duty of Care, and the Caldicott Principles on personal confidential data...*

Doctors in Unite call on Unite the Union to campaign against migrant charges to reduce harm to individual and public health, to maintain the confidence of staff, and to uphold our Duty of Care and responsibilities to protect patient confidentiality and trust in the NHS.

Find the full motion online here: tinyurl.com/UniteMotion

We ask you to take up these issues through your union, to discuss them with your colleagues at work, and to contact Patients Not Passports if you would like to get involved. Patients Not Passports is a national network of groups working to end the Hostile Environment in the NHS.