

# **SUPPORT STUDENT UNIONS CAMPAIGNING TO REVERSE NHS BURSARY CUTS**

## **CONFERENCE BELIEVES:**

1. The removal of bursaries would see students burdened with at least £51,600. Loan repayments will mean a nurse, midwife or allied health professional will lose over £900 a year.<sup>1</sup>
2. One of the reasons healthcare courses remain popular is that the funding arrangements are different and act as an incentive in comparison with other university programmes. Scrapping the NHS bursary is likely to discourage people from considering becoming a nurses, midwives or allied health professionals, exacerbating the current recruitment crisis.<sup>2</sup>
3. Student nurses and midwives are expected to undertake clinical placements during non-term time, which means they have little time to do paid work. While other university students take part-time jobs to support themselves, this really isn't a viable option for nurses on such a challenging and intensive course.<sup>3</sup>

## **CONFERENCE RESOLVES:**

1. To support SUs campaigning to reverse NHS Bursary cuts and publicise how important bursaries are currently to nursing students.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nursingtimes.net/news/education/bursary-removal-punishes-student-nurses-says-corbyn/7001762.fullarticle>

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/dec/15/student-nurses-bursaries-protest-cuts-recruit-loans-fees>