

Inclusivity of Free Contraceptive Services in Third Level Institutions

Proposed by DCU Students' Union

Comhdháil Notes

That the HSE Free contraception service, available for people aged 17 to 31 years, is a massive benefit to students across the Republic of Ireland. This can be of extra benefit to students when these services are offered within their third level institutions health centres. However, the structure of third level institutions' health centres greatly differ from each other. This means that health centres that privately hire in their medical staff from external agencies cannot access the HSE free contraceptive services scheme, which greatly disadvantages the students in these particular third level institutions.

Comhdháil Believes

That all HEIs should have equal access to engage with this scheme. Regardless of health and wellbeing frameworks within the individual HEIs students should be able to access national schemes within their higher education setting.

Comhdháil Mandates

The USI VP Welfare to conduct a report on access to the free contraceptive scheme within each HEI and brings the results of this to the attention of the HEA, HSE and government officials when engaging in discussions around sexual health in HEIs.