

Background Context

This Belief & Commitment (policy) was allocated to the Campaigns Committee in Semester 1. The President, who chairs the committee, asked for permission to obtain legal advice for the policy first. The committee agreed. A full copy of the committee meeting minutes are available for students to view, and a copy of the original policy can be found below.

A copy of the amended policy can also be found below. After legal advice was sought, the policy was allocated to the 2nd All Student Meeting this month.

Original Belief & Commitment

The Guild is a pro-choice institution

The Guild should be an inherently pro-choice union, by offering free, confidential and non-judgmental advice services for all students. It should aim to protect a student's fundamental right to choose abortion as a form of healthcare, and recognise that a pro-choice stance allows students to make informed decisions regarding their bodies. The Guild should also acknowledge the threat of anti-choice protests, and the distress and intimidation they can cause students.

Amended Belief & Commitment

The Guild is a pro-choice institution

The **members of the Guild of Students** believe, **as far as is permitted by law**, it should be an inherently pro-choice Student Union. The Guild's members believe in the fundamental rights of students to choose abortion as a form of healthcare and make informed choices about their own bodily autonomy. The **Guild's members** denounce anti-choice protests and are concerned about the distress and intimidation they can cause to students. The Guild, **as far as is financially practicable and permitted by law**, should offer a full range of free, impartial, confidential and non-judgmental advice to students who may become pregnant that informs students of their full range of options.

(Text in yellow indicates changes that were made after legal advice was sought)