Hertfordshire Students’ Union

Lobbying the University about Mental Health

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The issue:

The university provides a limited wellbeing service which is underfunded, under resourced and underpublicized. The students’ union has already shown a commitment to running campaigns, but a University-wide approach will make the biggest impact.

Why this is important to University of Hertfordshire Students:

Wellbeing is essential for students to continue studying and remain in university. It may be that the lack of support at critical times in the year is resulting in a high drop-out rate. Students want to be able to succeed but need more support than in currently available, to realise their potential for success.

Action:

- I propose that we lobby the University for improved mental health provision and discuss this further with the board of governors.
- Having an annual mental health summit involving key individuals from the university and the wider community.
- Create better links with external mental health organisations and promote the work of the well-being team.

Officer responsible: