

Consultation on extension of charges for health services

The Department of Health has issued another consultation on the extension of charges for overseas visitors and migrants using the NHS in England. This consultation seeks views on proposals to extend charges, including exploring changes in primary care, secondary care, community healthcare and current residency requirements. The consultation will run until Sunday 6 March and can be accessed, along with an impact assessment, at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-visitor-and-migrant-cost-recovery-programme>

Please email mike.kaye@amnesty.org.uk at Still Human Still here if you have had:

- (a) Any experience during 2015 of asylum seekers/refugees or other migrants being refused access to NHS services (either primary or secondary) that they are entitled to access for free; or
- (b) Any experience during 2015 of asylum seekers/refugees or other migrants not accessing health services because they are concerned about being charged (rightly or wrongly).