

IN 2021 : END THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT FOR MIGRANTS WITHIN OUR NHS

New Year 2021 campaign update bulletin

Greater Manchester Keep Our NHS Public (GM KONP) is working with allies to end the [#HostileEnvironment](#) for migrants within the NHS in our region. Our demands are :

- end the practice of migrants being charged for NHS hospital services;
- end the sharing of patient data by the NHS with the Home Office, which can then be used for purposes of immigration control.

End the Hostile Environment for Migrants within our NHS - Demonstration, 10 October

Thank you to everyone who participated in our demonstration in Manchester on Saturday 10 October and especially to the co-sponsoring organisations – Migrants Organise, Greater Manchester Law Centre, Manchester Stand Up to Racism and Unis Resist Border Controls.

A report and pictures of the demonstration, together with the keynote speech by GMKONP's Chair, Caroline Bedale, are on the GM KONP website at <https://keepournhspublicgmcr.com/2021/01/23/end-the-hostile-environment-for-migrants-within-our-nhs/>

Migrants Organise very kindly provided, free of charge – the Solidarity Knows No Borders banner and placards, T-shirts and sundries. If anyone who took a T-shirt would like to make a donation to Migrants Organise, you can do so [here](#)

Please ask your MP and Councillors to support our call for NHS Trusts in Greater Manchester not to implement migrant charges and Home Office reporting

One of the first actions of our campaign has been to write to Council Leaders and Chairs of Health & Wellbeing Boards within Greater Manchester urging them to press the NHS Trusts in their borough not to implement migrant charges and Home Office reporting.

We have also called on our Greater Manchester MPs to support our action and to take up the campaign demands nationally.

We are now appealing for support (<https://tinyurl.com/y6gwfchm>) from constituents of each Borough Council and MP to write to them in support of our call. To help the campaign build momentum please write to your Councillors and MP right now.

Model motion for trade unions and labour movement organisations

Please also consider supporting another important initiative, to boost the campaign with large numbers of resolutions from trade unions and labour movement organisations.

We have drafted the template motion <https://tinyurl.com/y2hvy4yc> Please tailor it as appropriate for submission to your union or organisation. And please let us know (GMKONP's email address is at the foot of this bulletin) when resolutions get passed.

Patients Not Passports

Members of our campaign working group attend 'Patients Not Passports' meetings, which bring together representatives of the many organisations and local groups that are working so hard on this campaign.

PNP's toolkit is designed to support you in advocating for people facing charges for NHS care, and in taking action to end immigration checks and upfront charging in the NHS. It can be found at <https://patientsnotpassports.co.uk/>

Patients Not Passports - Learning from the international struggle for universal healthcare <https://neweconomics.org/2020/10/patients-not-passports> a report published by the New Economics Foundation, was launched at a webinar attended by 200 people on 27 October, which can be viewed at <https://neweconomics.org/2020/10/the-international-struggle-for-universal-healthcare>

We highly recommend both the report and the webinar.

Hackney – a superb example of the effectiveness of collaborative work against the hostile environment in the NHS

This brilliant coverage, in the Hackney Citizen newspaper shows how effective collaborative work can be.

This is why we are seeking to build a powerful alliance here in Greater Manchester to end the hostile environment within the NHS in our patch. Please let's exchange thoughts on how we can emulate Hackney.

<https://www.hackneycitizen.co.uk/2020/10/28/local-organisations-call-intervention-hackney-mayor-nhs-migrant-charges/>

