



Enough is Enough

Petition by Health Workers against the Government's attitudes and policy towards asylum seekers and refugees

As health workers we wish to state our growing concern about the government's policies against refugees and asylum seekers in this country. In a clearly systematic campaign the human rights of refugees and asylum seekers are being stripped away, to the point where, asylum seekers in particular, have almost no rights at all. The consequences for their health, both physical and psychological, are profound.

We say enough is enough. When the state sanctions suffering and ill-health in this manner we have a duty to speak out. We invite all health workers, as individuals and organisations, to join us in making the following demands:

1. The repeal of section 55 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002
2. The reinstatement of full NHS care for "failed" asylum seekers.
3. Greater recognition of the enormous contribution of immigrants to the NHS.
4. The right for health workers to refuse to identify asylum seekers for the purposes of depriving them of NHS care, or to sanction the removal of state benefits from them.
5. The government and media be honest and deal in facts rather than myths concerning asylum seekers and refugees

What you can do

- ☐ Support the campaign by signing the petition below. Pass it on to you friends and work colleagues. The petition will be presented to the government in the autumn
- ☐ Raise the issue at your workplace asking people to sign the petition.
- ☐ Write to your MP, local paper and the national press
- ☐ Ask your professional body to support the campaign and circulate the petition to its members
- ☐ Write to John Hutton (England) or your own country's Health Minister, protesting about the way government policies towards asylum seekers are leading to suffering and ill-health.

Name	Address/Job/position/ Organisation	Signature

Please photocopy the petition or ask us for more. **Send completed petitions** to Carol English, National Secretary Medical Practitioners' Union, AMICUS, 40 Bermondsey Street, London SE1 3UD **by 30th October 2004**

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