

Building on successful initiatives:



To honour the work of the previous Health Science College Officer, I will commit to continuing and improving several of their successful initiatives.

Clinical Care Packages program - Working with Healthy UCD to provide more packages for students, and seeking sponsors to add a greater range of products.

Uniform Sale - Reduce resource disparity, especially given that many courses have to pay full-price payment for clinical uniforms. By using the alumni network and seeking funding from the college, I would make this price inequality a thing of the past.

Survival Guide - I will keep the survival guide updated with advice from students and ensure they are aware of the support available to them by promoting it to first years at orientation and freshers week.

Health Sciences Library:



Opening hours - I will advocate for reinstating later opening times in the libraries, especially in the Health Science Library which previously stayed open as late as 12 a.m. during exam periods. This will provide adequate study facilities for students facing challenges studying from home, long commutes and balancing jobs and caregiving responsibilities.

Water fountains - I will also aim to install water fountains in the Health Science library.

VOTE NO. 1

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HEALTH SCIENCE OFFICER

Get to Know Me!

Hey! I'm Noah (or N^{óe} 🍀).

As an ambitious radiography student, I will have plenty of time to put my heart and soul into working as your **Health Science College Officer**.

If elected, I will strive to tackle key issues which you can read about in this manifesto and more!



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Atrium Development:



I would love to make our building feel more like a welcoming and blooming community!

I plan to develop a collaboration zone where students can display research projects and art, fostering a more inclusive community spirit.

Additionally, I plan to make board games available for borrowing, encouraging socialising and fun!

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Student Well-being and Mental



Health:



From personal experience, I understand the pressure that accompanies being a health science student, especially for those undergoing clinical placements. There is an immediate need for adequate and accessible mental health support.

Firstly, I would lobby the University to implement the recommended ratio of 1:1000 counsellors for students, ensuring timely access to counselling services.

I would run an awareness campaign to emphasise students' entitlement to counselling support during clinical placement, whether in Dublin or a regional setting.

Furthermore, I will collaborate with the Dignity and Respect Service to implement clinical preparation training, equipping students with the tools to deal with difficult situations on placement.

Abolish Unpaid Clinical Placement:

Uncompensated work placements represent an archaic and unjust system. Exploitation of student labour is inexcusable and must cease. Working with UCDSU, alongside other Student and Trade Unions (Forsa, SIPTU), I intend to challenge this outdated practice.

For Ireland to keep its young and talented healthcare professionals from emigrating, their hard work should be acknowledged and fairly compensated.

GEM and GER fees:

In a nation facing long hospital waiting lists and significant job vacancies due to shortages, our universities and government should put focus on Graduate Entry Medicine and Radiography. The rising tuition cost, exceeding €17,000 per academic year, excludes competent and experienced students from pursuing their education.

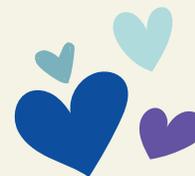
Furthermore, the exclusion of these course from SUSI grants perpetuates an elitist narrative. Therefore I'll work with the Union to lobby the university and government to decrease these fees.

Communal Kitchen:



I plan to increase the dining facilities in the atrium with the potential for a communal kitchen.

This will involve installing more microwaves and appliances, establishing more communal seating/eating areas and supplying appropriate cleaning supplies.



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