**CALLING ALL MIGRANT RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, NHS WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONISTS**



**The Department of Health has recently announced proposals to charge overseas visitors and migrants for their use of primary and emergency healthcare.**

**Under these new proposals, those who are currently chargeable for secondary healthcare will become chargeable for all the care they receive from the NHS, apart from GP and nurse consultations.** This willinclude introducing charges in primary care (apart from GP and nurse consultations), community care and emergency care (including ambulance services, A&E and walk-in centres).

**Charging procedures in the NHS are already deterring vulnerable people seeking protection from accessing medical help, with significant consequences for their own health and wellbeing as well as public health**.

Whilst we welcome the fact that people seeking asylum and refugees will continue to be exempt from new charging procedures, **we are worried that vulnerable refused asylum seekers will be further excluded from accessing the healthcare that they need.**

The Department of Health has issued a new public consultation on the extension of charges for overseas visitors and migrants using the NHS in England. [The consultation document is accessible here](http://wordpress.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=441297605b29ad4bef83ce44d&id=6f1d0f7a8d&e=b7545359b8).

 **Want to find out more?**

**Join SYMAAG and Regional Asylum Activism on Monday 8th February to hear about the Department of Health’s proposals and how you can feed in to the consultation.**

**Monday 8th February**

**6.30 – 8.30pm
(arrive from 6pm for tea and coffee)
Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James’ Street,
Sheffield, S1 2EW**

**Contact SYMAAG on** **symaagcentral@gmail.com** **or Regional Asylum Activism on** **yandh@regionalasylumactivism.org** **to register your interest for the event.**