

Know the Line Policy Proposal

Contact details

Your name (Proposer of the policy)	James Warren
The name of a person who supports the policy (Secunder of the policy)	Maja Smith

Student Impact

Have you consulted students about your proposal? Please explain how many students you have engaged with and how.	I have engaged with numerous students during the Know The Line training. Discussing the importance of the campaign and how it can impact student safety positively.
How does your proposal impact the students at the University of Plymouth, what difference will it make to students?	Ensures students are made aware of the various schemes the Students union run in order to improve safety whilst at University.

Policy Proposal

The Union Notes (Facts) This section should include facts, not reflection or opinions. Please provide references where possible.

1. **One in three UK female students will be sexually assaulted or abused on campus - YouthSight research 2015**
2. **97% of student don't report sexual assault to their universities - YouthSight 2015**
3. **Only one in seven rape cases are reported to the police - Home office, 2012**
4. **Only 16% of rapist are strangers - Rape Crisis Uk**

The Union Believes (Opinions/Beliefs) This section requires reflection on the facts stated in 'The Union Notes'

1. **Plymouth students (Female, Male and Non - Binary) are at risk of not knowing what to do or who to talk if they sexually abused, assaulted or attacked**
2. **Plymouth students aren't overly aware of the Safe Taxi scheme and other schemes to stay safer on nights out**
3. **The new Ask Angela scheme needs to be promoted correctly to new and current students in order to make it successful**

The Union Resolves (Actions) Here you will describe the action you want to be taken, be specific.

- **The Sabbatical Officer team to be mandated to run and keep updated the Know the Line campaign (or similar) to students**
- **To ensure correct promotion of both the Safe Taxi scheme and the Ask Angela scheme**

Appendices/supporting information Please include any supporting information relevant to your motion, this could include; consideration of how you would achieve any points in 'The Union Resolves', links to news articles or online publications

Please find attached the Know the Line campaign material

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Know the Line

James Warren- - VP Welfare, gave an overview of the proposal. James noted that the previous training had been criticized and was not therefore not used last year. However, the brand of Know the Line is established and is still referred to in the university.

James had refreshed the training which has been well received by the clubs and societies he had delivered it to. James added that students were not aware of the Safe Taxi scheme and it needed to be better promoted.

James continued to explain that he had intentionally suggested that the Sabbatical team work on this together, rather than one specific officer, as his idea was that Know the Line could be used as an umbrella brand for related issues.

Charles Markham – School of Medicine Rep, asked for clarification as to what themes would be included under the umbrella ‘Know the Line’. Charles cautioned the use of ‘just say no’ campaigns around the use of alcohol and drugs as they are not successful. People are far less likely to come forward and ask for support if they perceive a zero tolerance response.

James clarified that he envisaged the branding being used for wider themes, not just sexual assault and agreed with Charles that a harm reduction approach is more successful than one of zero tolerance.

Philippa Williams – VP Sport pointed out that using the Know the Line for other areas such as drugs and alcohol needs to be clear in the policy proposal. Detailed information needs to be given if this is the intention.

Lowri Jones – President expressed concern about everything falling under one, general campaign. Specific campaigns are needed for consent/Know the Line and they need to be kept up to date and relevant.

Goda Cegialyte- Part-time LGBT+ Officer suggested that Ask Angela be added to the presentation.

James explained that, whilst the roll out of the Ask Angela information should have been through PubWatch, circulation of information has been poorly managed and not all the relevant detail has been provided. It was noted that whilst it does fall under the remit of a Sabbatical Officer to influence campaigns through PubWatch, they cannot solely be held responsible for the implementation of such campaigns. James agreed to feedback concerns to PubWatch.

James Lord, Chair of Accountability Board noted that the scheme should also be in place in UPSU’s partner nightclubs

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

As the meeting was not quorate, it was agreed that all absent members should be allowed to vote after the meeting.

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

