

21<sup>st</sup> January 2011

To: (General Election Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

Constituency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Re: Cut in the Pay of 4<sup>th</sup> Year Working Student Nurses/Midwives**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The outgoing Government, in addition to pay cuts, pension levy and increased taxation, which applied to all public servants, have imposed a further pay cut on working 4<sup>th</sup> year student nurses/midwives.

The outgoing Government, in making this decision, is in breach of a National Agreement. This explicitly provides for 80% of the minimum of the staff nurse scale to be paid, to the 4<sup>th</sup> year working students, for the duration of this 36 week working placement where we replace qualified staff and are an integral part of the ward/unit workforce working all of the shifts (including weekends night duty etc.). Instead the Government have now implemented the following;

- 2011 - 76% of the minimum point on the new lower scale;
- 2012 - 60% of the minimum point on the new lower scale;
- 2013 - 50% of the minimum point on the new lower scale;
- 2014 - 40% of the minimum point on the new lower scale; and
- 2015 - No Payment at all.

As a voter in your constituency, I, together with my extended family, am seeking your explicit answer to the following question;

**Will you reverse this unfair and unjust Government decision and vote to restore, immediately, the pay of working 4<sup>th</sup> year student nurses/midwives to 80% of the minimum of the current staff nurse scale?**

Please forward your reply to this email address. I should advise you that I will be forwarding your response to all of my family and friends so that they are aware of same before casting their vote in the forthcoming general election.

I await hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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**STUDENT NURSE/MIDWIFE**

Email address for reply : \_\_\_\_\_