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Summary: Information on additional funded medical school places that have been allocated to universities in Academic Year 2020-21 following the Scottish Government's statement regarding 2020 SQA results.

FAO: Principals / Chairs / Finance Directors / Board Secretaries of Scotland's universities

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Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the additional funded medical school places to be allocated to universities in Academic Year (AY) 2020-21 following the Scottish Government's statement regarding 2020 SQA results.

Background

2. On 26 August 2020, SFC published an announcement regarding [additional university places in 2020-21 following 2020 SQA results](#). This announcement provided guidance on additional funded student places that would be allocated to universities in AY 2020-21 following the Scottish Government's statement regarding 2020 SQA results.
3. Additional funding has been provided as a result of 2020 exam results being regraded and followed the Deputy First Minister's commitment that the Scottish Government would "make provision for enough places in universities and colleges to ensure that no one is crowded out of a place they would otherwise have been awarded." SFC wrote to universities on 9 February 2021 confirming the additional places and funding for AY 2020-21.
4. SFC's [Intake Targets for Medicine AY 2021-22](#) announcement, published on 6 April 2021, referenced 44 additional funded medical school places allocated to universities in AY 2020-21 by the Scottish Government's Workforce Development Unit, and that we would be writing to institutions to provide them with the details of these additional places. This announcement provides this information.

Funding and additional places

5. Funding of circa £0.3 million has been provided for the 44 additional medical school places that have been allocated to universities in AY 2020-21 for Scottish-domiciled/ European Union (EU) students.
6. For the additional rest of UK (rUK) students, funding via 'compensation for expensive strategically important subjects' will be provided once these additional students are in their clinical years.
7. These additional students will be funded for the full length of their degree programme. In modelling the funded places for future years, the places associated with this additional funding will be identified separately.
8. A table (next page) has been provided to illustrate the breakdown of this additional allocation of funded places by university.

University	Additional funded places AY 2020-21	Additional funding AY 2020-21	Additional rUK places (to be funded in clinical years)
Aberdeen, University of	-	-	4
Dundee, University of	15	£102,105	6
Edinburgh, University of	2	£13,614	19
Glasgow, University of	23	£156,561	9
St Andrews, University of	4	£27,228	18
Total	44	£299,508	56

Payment of funds

9. Funding for AY 2020-21 will be paid to universities in two equal tranches between June 2021 and July 2021.

Further information

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