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# Funding For Additional MSc Physiotherapy Students AY 2023-24



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Issue Date:	20 March 2024
Reference:	SFC/AN/03/2024
Summary:	Announcement of funding for additional MSc Physiotherapy students recruited by universities in Academic Year 2023-24.
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## Funding for additional MSc Physiotherapy students in AY 2023-24

### Summary

1. I write to announce funding for additional pre-registration MSc Physiotherapy students recruited by universities through the September and January intakes in Academic Year (AY) 2023-24.

### Background

2. The Scottish Government (SG) has committed to fund up to 225 additional advanced Musculo-Skeletal (MSK) practitioners in Primary Care.
3. Four providers recruited 52 additional students in AY 2022-23 and 54 additional students in AY 2023-24. SFC will administer the funding associated with the additional recruitment for both year groups.

### Funding for AY 2023-24

4. This funding announcement covers the total of 106 additional students recruited over the two AYs.
5. In discussions between Scottish Government (SG), NHS Education for Scotland (NES), and the relevant universities, it was agreed that the funding associated with these additional students would be based on each university's postgraduate fees for each year, rather than at SFC's teaching subject price. As a result of this arrangement, the additional MSc Physiotherapy funding will sit outside SFC's Main Teaching Grant model and no funded student places will be allocated for this additional provision.
6. Total funding of **£1,070,220** will be allocated in AY 2023-24, with payment due to be made in March. The table below sets out the funding for each university, broken down by year group.

## Funding allocations for additional MSc Physiotherapy students in AY 2023-24

Institution	Allocation for Year 1 Students	Allocation for Year 2 Students	Total Allocation for Ay 2023-24
Edinburgh Napier University	£107,855	£147,075	<b>£254,930</b>
Glasgow Caledonian University	£126,000	£90,000	<b>£216,000</b>
Queen Margaret University	£189,430	£157,780	<b>£347,210</b>
Robert Gordon University	£109,600	£142,480	<b>£252,080</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£532,885</b>	<b>£537,335</b>	<b>£1,070,220</b>

### Conditions of grant

- It is a condition of grant that universities should not charge additional pre-registration MSc Physiotherapy students a tuition fee in addition to the funding provided through this allocation.
- Universities should work with SG colleagues in the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate on the monitoring of MSc Physiotherapy students and provide student number data as required.

### Further information

- If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, email: [dcondie@sfc.ac.uk](mailto:dcondie@sfc.ac.uk).



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