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Intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in universities for AY 2020-21

Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in universities for Academic Year (AY) 2020-21. These are set out in Table 1 below.
2. SFC will confirm the funded places and funding associated with the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in the Final Outcome Agreement Funding announcement for AY 2020-21. We would also draw universities' attention to the recommended intakes letter (Annex A) sent to SFC by Fiona McQueen, the Chief Nursing Officer.

Background

3. SFC receives annual guidance from the Scottish Government's Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, providing recommended intakes for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. The Chief Nursing Officer's guidance for AY 2020-21 is provided in Annex A.
4. From 2015-16, the guidance from the Scottish Government has provided SFC with intake targets for all Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. This includes the '36 month' courses which are funded through a Scottish Government ring-fenced grant, places which were previously part of some universities' core grant and were used for Honours Nursing provision (referred to as four years honours), and courses offered through the Open University in Scotland.

Recommended intake targets

5. The overall intake target for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2020-21, as recommended by the Scottish Government, is 4,206 students; an increase of 5% to the overall intake target from AY 2019-20. Of this:
 - An intake target of 3,684 students has been allocated to the seven universities who were previously commissioned and provide '36 month' courses.
 - An intake of a further 407 students has been allocated to the seven universities delivering four year honours provision.
 - An intake of a further 102 students to the Open University in Scotland. These students (along with 13 midwifery students at the University of the Highlands and Islands) are funded directly by the Chief Nursing Officer's

Directorate in the Scottish Government.

6. We have split out the intake targets for AY 2020-21 according to field of practice, as set out in the Chief Nursing Officer's guidance to SFC. Universities should give regard to the split of intakes between the four fields of practice and midwifery when recruiting for AY 2020-21.

Rest of UK students

7. In January 2017 the Chief Nursing Officer Directorate wrote to inform SFC that, following a decision from Scottish Ministers, the reciprocal arrangements with other UK administrations which allow students from those areas to access financial support for their Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education studies, was to come to an end from AY 2017-18. This decision applied to new rest of UK (rUK) students only.
8. The intake targets set out in the table below are for all Scottish-domiciled, European Union (EU) and rUK students.

Indexing of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery students

9. In addition to SFC's data collections, universities are also required to index nursing and midwifery students with NHS Education for Scotland (NES). In response to concerns regarding the consistency of data submitted to NES and SFC, a Frequently Asked Questions document is attached at Annex B. This document includes information on intake targets, funded places, SFC's consolidation number and when students should be indexed with NES.

Funded places

10. SFC will contact universities to share our funded places modelling for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education, in advance of the funded places and funding being confirmed in the Final Outcome Agreement Funding announcement.

Further information

11. Please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, Finance Directorate, tel: 0131 313 6671, email: dcondie@sfc.ac.uk.



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Table 1**Intake targets for Pre-Registration Nursing & Midwifery Education in AY 2020-21**

University	Adult	Children & young people	Learning Disability	Midwifery	Mental Health	Total	Intake target for 4-years Honours Degree
Abertay University					58	58	58
University of Dundee	377	56			80	513	
University of Edinburgh	56					56	56
Edinburgh Napier University	395	100	55	81	99	730	
Glasgow Caledonian University	466	102	89		80	737	65
University of Glasgow	55					55	55
The Open University in Scotland ¹	55	5	7		35	102	
Queen Margaret University	78					78	78
Robert Gordon University	255	54		74	60	443	40
University of Stirling	257				76	333	55
University of the Highlands & Islands	123			13	27	163	
University of the West of Scotland	696			102	140	938	
Total	2,813	317	151	270	655	4,206	407

1. The Open University in Scotland and the midwifery places at the University of the Highlands and Islands are funded directly by the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate in Scottish Government.