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Dear Ms Watt

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

This letter is to advise Scottish Funding Council of the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorate's proposals on recommended intake targets for nursing and midwifery undergraduate programmes for academic year 2020/21.

Having considered all of the factors involved, Scottish Ministers have determined that the overall intake for all undergraduate nursing and midwifery programmes should be increased by 5% in 2020/21, providing a total of 4,206 nursing and midwifery training places. This decision reflects the Student Intake Planning Stakeholder Group's recommendations.

Recommended intake targets, by institution and fields of nursing and midwifery, are set out in the Annex to this letter (target intakes for Honours programmes, listed separately, are included in the total numbers).

The distribution by institution and field/programme is based on an initial pro-rata increase, followed by adjustments based on direct discussions between NHS Education for Scotland and higher education institutions regarding feasible target intakes, and taking consideration of regional needs.

Subject to discussions with SFC over the calculation of the fundable student population and confirmation of the funding for session 2020/21, we will transfer the appropriate level of funding required for 2020/21.

Although new rUK students will be applying for tuition fee and living cost loans from their respective home country, these students should continue to be included within the target intake numbers for 2020/21. They are not included in the fundable student population for students who commenced in 2017/18 onwards, and they are not funded through SFC allocations. SFC review the overall fundable student population based on changes in rUK numbers in consultation with institutions. As announced on 18th April 2019, the Scottish

Government will extend the existing tuition fees and support policy for EU students starting their courses in the 2020-21 academic year (for the duration of their course).

This letter is copied to University Principals, Heads of Schools of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences (or equivalent) of the relevant HEIs, the Council of Deans Health (Scotland), NHS Education for Scotland, Director General Health and Social Care, Director General Education, Communities and Justice, Aileen McKechnie, Roddy Macdonald and Pamela McBride, Higher Education.

Yours sincerely



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Annex A

Proposed Intake Targets

Recommended intake targets for 2020/21

University	Adult	Children & young people	Learning Disability	Midwifery	Mental Health	Total
Total	2813	317	151	270	655	4206
Abertay University					58	58
University of Dundee	377	56			80	513
University of Edinburgh	56					56
Edinburgh Napier University	395	100	55	81	99	730
Glasgow Caledonian University	466	102	89		80	737
University of Glasgow	55					55
The Open University in Scotland	55	5	7		35	102
Queen Margaret University	78					78
Robert Gordon University	255	54		74	60	443
University of Stirling	257				76	333
University of the Highlands & Islands	123			13	27	163
University of the West of Scotland	696			102	140	938

Honours (4-year) allocations	
<i>(included in table above, and for which a specific target is set)</i>	
Abertay University	58
University of Edinburgh	56
Glasgow Caledonian University	65
University of Glasgow	55
Queen Margaret University	78
Robert Gordon University	40
University of Stirling	55