

Access Programmes Steering Group milestones

1. SFC will establish and chair a steering group which will bring together all relevant parties to deliver recommendations 4 and 4a. (by Dec 2018 - completed)
2. Membership will include:
 - a) Universities and colleges.
 - b) Students.
 - c) Local authorities and schools.
 - d) Early years providers.
 - e) SFC funded access programmes.
 - f) SCQF.
 - g) Third sector organisations and charities, i.e. Robertson Trust, Sutton Trust, MCR Pathways, Causeway Education.
3. SFC, in partnership with key stakeholders, will agree the scope of the recommendation. This will include determination of what constitutes an access programme in the context of these recommendations. (by March 2019 - completed)
4. SFC, Universities Scotland and the Robertson Trust will review relevant access programme mapping exercises which have already been undertaken and will establish what, if any, further mapping needs to be done in the context of the scope of this recommendation. They will provide advice on this and, if appropriate next steps, to the Steering Group. (by May 2019 - completed)
5. The Steering Group will:
 - a) Establish an understanding of the current landscape informed by the work of SFC, US, Robertson Trust working group (by June 2019).
 - b) Agree the principles of what coherent support is and how it will be assessed and monitored (by Sept 2019).
 - c) Establish the steps required to remove duplication, align programmes to the Framework for Fair Access, and promote 'what works' (by Dec 2019).
 - d) Agree the mechanism to support transferability of programmes and credit rating of programmes, as appropriate, on the SCQF Framework (by April 2020).
 - e) Agree how best to take the work forward across Scotland i.e. regionally, nationally and who is best placed to lead this (by April 2020).
6. The steering group will develop a timetable for roll out. (by May 2020)