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Dear Laurence,

DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE NUMBERS

My purpose in writing to you is to inform you that following extensive analytical work on the needs of the dental workforce in Scotland undertaken by SGHSCD and NES, Ministers have agreed to maintain the number of students entering Scottish Dental Schools at 135 for academic year 2016-17. The recommended overall dentistry intake for Scots/EU and the rest of the UK students for academic year 2016-17 is therefore 135.

The setting of intake targets to dental schools is a matter for the Scottish Funding Council, however I recommend that the numbers are distributed across the three dental schools.

Universities will be allowed to recruit overseas students to compensate for loss of income from home funded students but cognisance should be taken of the numbers of international students already on the courses. International students will be expected to contribute towards ACT(D) via their student fees as previously agreed.

Kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

MARGIE TAYLOR
Chief Dental Officer