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## Updated university outcome agreement funding allocations for AY 2020-21

### Purpose

1. The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) announced decisions on 7 April 2020 on the [allocation of outcome agreement funding to universities for the forthcoming Academic Year \(AY\) 2020-21](#).
2. We are continuing to work through unprecedented times resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and it remains a rapidly shifting environment for students, staff, and the communities around us. SFC's funding announcement was therefore to help provide some stability for the university sector.
3. In our April announcement we stated that our funding allocations for AY 2020-21 may be subject to change. This announcement sets out those changes, along with some previously unannounced allocations. We are also providing additional 'technical' guidance on the funding allocations and additional tables.

### Changes to AY 2020-21 funding allocations

#### *Controlled subjects - funded student places*

4. Our modelling of the allocation of funded places for controlled subjects announced in April was shared with universities and we said there may be some adjustments to those places following discussions with institutions and the relevant Scottish Government directorates.
5. Changes have now been made to Scottish Government funded controlled places for:
  - Clinical Medicine (SCOTGEM) at the Universities of Dundee and St Andrews;
  - Clinical Dentistry at the University of Aberdeen; and
  - Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery at the University of the Highlands and Islands (three-year) and Robert Gordon University (Honours).
6. The combined effect of the above changes amount to an additional 31 Scottish Government funded controlled places and an additional £0.3 million in associated teaching grant from what was announced in April.
7. A breakdown of the final controlled student places funded by SFC and the Scottish Government for AY 2020-21 are shown in Tables A2b, A2c and A2d. A summary is also provided in a revised version of Annex B.

8. Revised 'consolidation' (over-recruitment) student numbers for controlled subjects, are shown in Table 5. This includes a revision for Medicine to reflect the consolidation policy relating to the intake only (see additional guidance for more information).

### ***Research and Innovation Funding***

9. The Scottish Government recently announced a one-off £75 million increase in funding for universities to ensure they can protect their world-leading research programmes against the financial impact of COVID-19. The allocation of this funding will be announced separately.

### ***Global Challenges Research Fund***

10. SFC will receive £16.1 million from the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (DBEIS) for 2020-21 under the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF). These funds have been allocated to universities based on their proportionate share of components (A) and (B) of their REG. Individual university allocations are shown in Tables 6 and B2. There are also additional conditions of grant which are set out in Annex C (paragraph 32).
11. A separate announcement providing guidance on the GCRF and reporting requirements will be published separately.

### ***Research Capital Grant (DBEIS)***

12. Research capital grant funding totalling £33.5 million; £16.8 million from DBEIS and a further £16.8 million from SFC, will be allocated in FY 2020-21. Individual allocations are shown in Table 8.
13. Updated conditions of grant are provided in Annex C. We will write separately to universities setting out reporting requirements.

### ***Funding for Counsellors***

14. Funding for counsellors in universities for AY 2020-21 is unchanged from AY 2019-20 at £1.7 million. Additional ring-fenced funds will be transferred to SFC from the Scottish Government for this purpose. Individual allocations (also unchanged from this year) and guidance will be published separately.

### ***Free sanitary provision***

15. SFC expects a further year's funding for the provision of free sanitary products in universities and is currently working with the Scottish Government to confirm funding for 2020-21. A separate announcement will be published in due course.

### ***Expansion of Early Years Education***

16. SFC is continuing to work with colleagues in the Scottish Government's Early Years Education division to confirm the volume of activity for AY 2020-21 that is required to meet their target output of trained childcare professionals. Once that volume has been agreed, universities will be notified separately.

### **Tables**

17. The following annexes/tables for AY 2020-21 are provided on SFC's website (*\* denotes an updated table since the April publication*):

- Annex A – Funding allocations to universities\*
- Annex B – Funded places and student number targets\*
- Annex C – Conditions of funding\*
- Annex D – profile of monthly payments for main grants
- Table 1 – University sector – overall budget\*
- Table 2 – Breakdown of Main Teaching Grant
- Table 3 – Funded student places
- Table 4 – Summary of grants for Teaching
- Table 5 – Consolidation numbers\*
- Table 6 – Summary of grants for Research and Innovation\*
- Table 7 – Summary of grants for Teaching, Research and Innovation (compared with AY 2019-20)
- Table 8 – Capital funding (FY 2020-21)\*

18. Further 'technical' guidance on the funding allocations, along with additional tables, is also now available on SFC's website.

### **Further information**

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