



# SFC Announcement

## Intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in universities for AY 2019-20

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Summary: Announcement of intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in universities for Academic Year 2019-20.

FAO: Principals / Chairs of Scotland's universities

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## **Intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in universities for AY 2019-20**

### **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) 2019-2020. These are set out in Table 1 below.
2. We will write to universities in due course with the associated funded places and indicative funding, and these will then be confirmed in the Final Outcome Agreement Funding announcement for AY 2019-20.
3. We would also draw universities' attention to the recommended intakes letter (Annex A) sent to SFC by Fiona McQueen, the Chief Nursing Officer.

### **Background**

4. We receive annual guidance from the Scottish Government's Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, providing recommended intakes for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. Details of the Chief Nursing Officer's guidance for AY 2019-20 is provided in Annex A.
5. 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 which were used for Honours Nursing provision (referred to as four years honours), and courses offered through the Open University in Scotland.

### **Recommended intake targets**

6. The overall intake target for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2019-20, as recommended by the Scottish Government, is 4,006 places. Of this, 3,511 places have been allocated to the seven universities who were previously commissioned and provide '36 month' courses. A further 382 places have been allocated to the seven universities delivering Honours provision, and 93 places to the Open University in Scotland.
7. An additional 20 places have been allocated to the University of the Highlands and Islands relating to the second cohort of 20 midwifery places, starting in January 2020, for a 20 month shortened midwifery pilot.

8. We have split out the intake targets for AY 2019-20 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 2019-20.

#### **Rest of UK students**

9. 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.
10. The intake targets set out in the table below are for all Scottish-domiciled, European Union (EU) and rUK students.

#### **Funded places**

11. We will issue a separate publication with funded places and indicative funding for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education, and these will be confirmed in the Final Outcome Agreement Funding announcement.

#### **Further information**

12. Please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, Finance Directorate, tel: 0131 313 6671, email: [dcondie@sfc.ac.uk](mailto:dcondie@sfc.ac.uk).



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Intake targets for Pre-Registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2019-20

Table 1

	Adult	Mental Health	Learning Disability	Children's Health	Midwifery	Intake Target for courses funded directly by CNOD	Intake Target for the '36 month' degrees and provision through the Open University	Intake Target for the 4 Year Honours Degrees	Total Intake Target
Abertay Dundee, University of		55				0	0	55	55
Dundee, University of	359	70		53		0	482	0	482
Edinburgh Napier University	393	81	61	103	74	0	712	0	712
Edinburgh, University of	55					0	0	55	55
Glasgow Caledonian University	446	78	72	96		0	627	65	692
Glasgow, University of	52					0	0	52	52
Highlands and Islands, University of the	125	25			20	20	150	0	170
Open University in Scotland	55	27	11			0	93	0	93
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	60					0	0	60	60
Robert Gordon University	255	55		50	70	0	395	35	430
Stirling, University of	243	71				0	254	60	314
West of Scotland, University of the	658	140			93	0	891	0	891
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>4,006</b>

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Dear Dr Kemp

## **NURSING AND MIDWIFERY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

This letter is to advise Scottish Funding Council of the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorates' proposals on recommended intake targets for nursing and midwifery undergraduate programmes for academic year 2019/20.

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 7.6% in 2019/20, providing a total of 4,006 nursing and midwifery training places. The percentage increase breakdown is as follows:

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| • Adult                 | 5.0%  |
| • Mental Health         | 16.7% |
| • Learning Disabilities | 18.0% |
| • Children's Health     | 4.9%  |
| • Midwifery             | 13.7% |

This decision reflects the Student Intake Planning Stakeholder Group's recommendations.

The target intake will be distributed by allocating the 4,006 places to the 12 institutions funded under this arrangement. For the first time we have allocated numbers to specific programmes being delivered by the Open University - Adult, Mental Health and Learning Disability (this will initially be in the Stage 1 format with a view to starting their new Learning Disability programme in 2020/21).

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 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. It further reflects Scottish Ministers' view that an increased proportion of places from that intake target should continue to be allocated to providers in the North of Scotland to reflect specific geographical challenges. Allocation numbers include the second cohort of 20 midwifery places starting in January 2020 at the University of Highlands and Islands for the 20 month shortened midwifery pilot. The first cohort, which starts in January 2019, will be funded separately.

Subject to discussions with SFC over the calculation of the fundable student population and confirmation of the funding for session 2019/20, we will transfer the appropriate level of funding required for 2019/20.

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 2019/20. 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. The situation will be reviewed again for the 2020/21 intake now that we have more data to help analyse the impact of the changes to the reciprocal funding arrangement which came into effect in 2017/18.

This letter is copied to the Principals and Heads of Schools of Nursing and Midwifery of the HEIs, the Council of Deans Health (Scotland), Roddy Macdonald and Pamela McBride, Higher Education.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiona C McQueen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'F' and 'M'.

**Fiona McQueen**  
**Chief Nursing Officer**

## Annex A

### Proposed Intake Targets

Recommended intake targets for 2019/20

Scottish Government Target						
	AD	MH	LD	CH	MW	Total
2018/19	2,701	602	144	302	257	4,006

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\* Midwifery pilot – second cohort (to be confirmed)

<b>Honours</b> (included in table above, and for which a specific target is set)	
<b>Robert Gordon University</b>	35
<b>Glasgow Caledonian University</b>	65
<b>University of Stirling</b>	60
<b>Abertay University</b>	55
<b>Edinburgh University</b>	55
<b>Glasgow University</b>	52
<b>Queen Margaret University</b>	60