



SFC Announcement

Intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in Universities for 2017-18

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Summary: To announce university intake targets and funded student places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2017-18.

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Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in universities for academic year (AY) 2017-18, as well as the indicative funding associated with these places. These are set out in the following tables:
 - Table 1: Intake targets and funded places for existing commissioned providers of pre-registration provision (ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates).
 - Table 2: Intake targets and funded places for Honours programmes.
 - Table 3: Indicative funding associated with Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery.

Background

2. Annually we receive 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 2017-18 is provided in Annex A.
3. From 2015-16, the guidance from the Scottish Government has provided us with intake targets for all Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. This includes the ordinary degree places which are funded through a Scottish Government ring-fenced grant, and places which were previously part of some universities' core grant which were used for Honours Nursing provision.
4. SFC is continuing to work with the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, NHS Education for Scotland (NES), and universities to develop a new system for funding Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education.

Recommended intake targets

5. The overall intake target for AY 2017-18, as recommended by the Scottish Government, for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education is 3,366 FTEs. Of this, 3,086 places have been allocated to the seven universities set out in Table 1. Table 2 provides a breakdown of the intakes for the SFC funded places for the six universities delivering Honours provision; this totals 254 FTEs. The remaining 26 places have been allocated to the Open University in Scotland which provides Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes in remote and rural areas under the terms of a contract with the Chief Nursing Officer's

Directorate.

6. Following an agreement between the University of Stirling and the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) responsibility for nursing education at Inverness and Stornoway is being transferred from the University of Stirling to the University of the Highlands and Islands. AY 2017-18 is the first year of a phased three year transfer of nursing provision where the University of Stirling's intake target will reduce by 100 each year and the agreed intake target for Inverness and Stornoway will be allocated to UHI.
7. The overall recommended intake to all Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes has been increased by around 4.7%.
8. We have split out the intake targets for AY 2017-18 according to field of practice, as set out in the Chief Nursing Officer's guidance to us. Universities should give regard to the intakes for each field of practice when recruiting for AY 2017-18.

Rest of UK students

9. In January 2017 Hugh Masters, Associate Chief Nursing Officer, wrote to inform SFC that following a decision from Scottish Ministers the reciprocal arrangements with other UK administrations, which allows students from those areas to access financial support for their Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education studies, will come to an end from AY 2017-18. This decision will only apply to new rest of UK (rUK) students. Existing students who began their Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education prior to AY 2017-18, and are already receiving support under the reciprocal arrangements, will continue to be supported.
10. This change in policy is in response to "*the decision of the UK Government to remove the health bursary and move to a loans based support package for nursing, midwifery and AHP students from academic year 2017/18*". The letter from Hugh Master is attached at Annex B.
11. The intake targets set out in the table below are for all Scottish-domiciled, European Union (EU), **and rUK** students and consequently we have made an assumption on the percentage of the AY 2017-18 intake who are likely to be rUK and therefore not eligible for funding. Existing rUK students who began their Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education studies prior to AY 2017-18 and are already receiving support under the reciprocal arrangements will continue to be classified as eligible for funding.
12. We have calculated the assumed rUK intake for each university based on their average rUK intake over the last three years. We recognise that the ending of

the reciprocal arrangement for new intakes may influence the decision of rUK students over whether they wish to study in Scotland; we will review actual rUK intakes following the submission of your early statistics return. If a university's actual rUK intake is significantly different from our assumption, based on the three year average, we will adjust their funded places to reflect this.

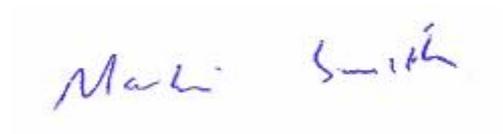
13. As this is the first year of UHI providing nursing education at Inverness and Stornoway we do not have any data that we can use to forecast the number of rUK entrants. As a result we will initially assume that the full intake is Scottish-domiciled / EU and subsequently adjust the funded places once we receive the early statistics return.
14. SFC, jointly with the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, will review the approach taken to rUK students, both in terms of intakes and funded places, prior to the intake targets being announced for AY 2018-19.

Funded places for AY 2017-18

15. In Table 1 we have set-out details of funded places covering all course years. The funded places have been calculated by SFC and the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate has agreed funds to be transferred to SFC on this basis. In arriving at these funded places we have taken account of target / actual students in previous years and applied institutional progression rates. Details of these calculations can be provided by SFC upon request.
16. We continue to implement the Scottish Government's policy of bringing together and placing controls on all Nursing and Midwifery provision. This includes Honours provision that was previously non-commissioned. We are phasing in these controls and the AY 2017-18 intake will be the fourth controlled cohort; Table 2 sets-out these funded places. These are not additional places; we are reducing universities' core non-controlled funded places in return for these Nursing places.
17. The controlled places for pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery education are funded at price group 4, which was announced in the indicative funding announcement at a gross price of £7,203.
18. The intakes for controlled subjects and funded student places will be monitored (at the level of field of practice) in AY 2017-18 for notable levels of over-recruitment as well as under-recruitment. Our current arrangement, which applies to the existing six commissioned providers, is that the upper limit universities are able to recruit is 10% or 10 places (whichever is larger) above their funded places. For under-recruitment the tolerance is 3% under the funded places, before any clawback will be applied.

Further information

19. Please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, Finance Directorate, tel: 0131 313 6671, email: dcondie@sfc.ac.uk.

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Martin Smith
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Table 1: Intake targets and funded places for ordinary degree programmes (ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates)

	Adult Intake	Mental Health Intake	Learning Disability Intake	Children's Health Intake	Midwifery Intake	Total of intake by field of practice	Total Intake for ordinary degree nursing	Assumed RUK proportion of intake (3 year average)	Total Funded Places
Dundee, University of	331	57		50		438	438	18.4%	1,121
Edinburgh Napier University	356	61	55	90	58	620	620	11.7%	1,638
Glasgow Caledonian University ¹	385	62	55	81		583	527	4.1%	1,394
Highlands and Islands, University of ²	104	26				130	130		130
Robert Gordon University ¹	226	43		46	58	373	346	2.3%	882
Stirling, University of	202	51				253	253	12.4%	803
West of Scotland, University of	576	121			75	772	772	2.9%	1,983
Total¹	2,180	421	110	267	191	3,169	3,086		7,951

¹ The breakdown of intakes between field of practice for Glasgow Caledonian University and Robert Gordon University for the ordinary degree places includes the intakes for the Honours Programme. The total intake in each table shows how the total intake should be split between commissioned places and honours places.

The table above exclude the intake of 26 places that have been allocated to the Open University in Scotland which provides pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes in remote and rural areas under the terms of a contract with the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate.

Table 2: Intake targets and funded places for Honours programmes

	Adult Intake	Mental Health Intake	Learning Disability Intake	Children's Health Intake	Midwifery Intake	Total Intake	Assumed RUK proportion of intake (3 year average)	Total Funded Places
Abertay Dundee, University of		44				44	13.4%	130
Edinburgh, University of	40					40	29.3%	119
Glasgow Caledonian University ¹						56	1.2%	178
Glasgow, University of	45					45	10.8%	146
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	42					42	6.4%	139
Robert Gordon University ¹						27	2.4%	68
Total¹	127	44				254		780

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Table 3: Indicative funding associated with pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery education

	Funding associated with ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates	Funding for Honours programmes ¹	Total funding
Abertay Dundee, University of		699,790	699,790
Dundee, University of	8,074,563		8,074,563
Edinburgh, University of		640,577	640,577
Edinburgh Napier University	11,798,514		11,798,514
Glasgow Caledonian University	10,040,982	958,174	10,999,156
Glasgow, University of		785,918	785,918
Highlands and Islands, University of	936,390		936,390
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh		748,237	748,237
Robert Gordon University	6,353,046	366,044	6,719,090
Stirling, University of	5,784,009		5,784,009
West of Scotland, University of	14,283,549		14,283,549
Total	57,271,053	4,198,740	61,469,793

¹The funding for the honours programme is included in an institution's core teaching grant.

The figures in the table above are indicative and the final funding allocations will be confirmed in SFC's final outcome agreement funding announcement.