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Purpose

1. The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) announced decisions on 7 April 2020 on the [allocation of outcome agreement funding to colleges 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 college 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, with some previously unannounced allocations.

Changes to AY 2020-21 funding allocations

Expansion of Early Years Education

4. SFC has been working 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.
5. The number of childcare credits that colleges are expected to deliver in AY 2020-21 is 31,018 credits. A breakdown of activity is shown in Table 3A. Colleges are expected to deliver this activity, as a priority, from their core teaching funds.

European Social Funding

6. SFC will again allocate total funding of £13.2 million to colleges for the delivery of additional European Social Fund (ESF) activity in AY 2020-21 under the 'Developing Scotland's Workforce' programme. This includes an assumed ESF contribution from the European Commission of £5.2 million, which is subject to the submission of successful claims to the Scottish Government. (This excludes the University of the Highlands & Islands (UHI)-partner colleges in the Highlands & Islands transitional region that are funded separately through university match-funding (via UHI).
7. The additional ESF activity that the sector is asked to deliver in AY 2020-21 amounts to 47,418 additional credits; a 5% reduction from AY 2019-20 due to the credit price increase.
8. ESF activity targets and associated funding for AY 2020-21 are broken down in Table 3 and Table 2 respectively. We will write to individual colleges setting out the purpose of ESF funding and the associated conditions of grant.

Funding for Counsellors

9. Funding for counsellors in colleges for AY 2020-21 is unchanged from AY 2019-20 at £1.9 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

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

Tables

11. The following final tables for AY 2020-21 are available on SFC's website (** denotes a new/updated table since the April publication*):
 - Table 1 – College sector – overall budget*
 - Table 2 – Teaching funding allocations*
 - Table 3 – Student activity (credit) targets*
 - Table 3A – Childcare activity (credit) targets*
 - Table 4 – Student Support funding allocations
 - Table 5 – Capital funding allocations (FY 2020-21)
 - Table 6 – AY 2019-20 teaching funding set aside for support staff and middle management Job Evaluation.
 - Annex A – Conditions of funding

Further information

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