

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to inform you that we have now published the Guidance for Outcome Agreements for Colleges and Universities AY 2021-22 on our website at [SFC Publications](#).

As with last year, this is a single document for both colleges and universities that recognises the ongoing pressures institutions face in dealing with Covid-19.

The guidance recognises that colleges and universities are still at various stages of recovery and so maintains the approach we introduced in AY 2020-21 of consolidating, streamlining and simplifying the range of asks of both sectors to keep the focus on strategic outcomes.

The guidance outlines our expectation that colleges and universities continue with commitments to widen access, deliver high quality research and ensure a high quality learning experience for all students that will in most cases be different in shape, structure and mode to previous years.

We have also taken the opportunity to focus on economic recovery - including our expectation that provision continues to respond to changing need - and the critical contribution colleges and universities will make to this.

This year, we will be hosting an online seminar event on the morning of 14 September. This will provide an opportunity to outline the key changes to the guidance and will also offer colleagues an opportunity to be together in conversation with SFC about how we can best engage and work in partnership through the year. Further information will be provided by your institution's Outcome Agreement Manager and I look forward to meeting colleagues on the day.

Finally, I would like to thank our sector stakeholders for their input and advice as we finalised the guidance.

Kind regards

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