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Dear Ms Watt,

DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE NUMBERS

This letter is to advise Scottish Funding Council of Scottish Government's proposal on the recommended intake targets for the undergraduate dental student intake numbers.

A decision has been made to set an intake target for AY 2023-24 of 135. The intake target is for 135 students eligible to pay 'home' fees, rest of UK students and students from the Republic of Ireland. The setting of intake targets to dental schools is a matter for the Scottish Funding Council, however I recommend that the numbers are distributed as they were last year.

The Universities of Dundee and Glasgow will continue to be allowed to recruit international students into dentistry and we would expect the international intake targets set by SFC to be similar to those set in previous years. However, cognisance should be taken by Scottish Dental schools regarding the numbers of international students already on the courses. International students will be expected to contribute towards ACT (D) via their student fees as previously agreed.

As a result of the United Kingdom leaving the EU and the transitional period ending in January 2021, EU students without 'Home Fee' status, starting their courses in AY 2022-23 are ineligible for funding and will be treated as international students.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Ferris
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