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Dear Ms Watt,

## **DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE – RECOMMENDED INTAKE NUMBERS**

I am writing to advise the Scottish Funding Council of Scottish Government's recommended undergraduate intake targets for the three Scottish dental schools.

While noting that the setting of intake targets is a matter for the Scottish Funding Council, as in previous years, I am providing you with notice of Scottish Ministers' recommended intake which takes account of need to support overall workforce. The decision reached for AY 2024-25 is an intake of 135, covering those students who are eligible to pay 'home' fees, rest of UK students and students from the Republic of Ireland. As you know, following EU Exit and the end of the transitional period in January 2021, EU students without 'home fee' status from AY 2022-23 are ineligible as funding and will be counted in intakes as international students.

As in previous years, the Universities of Dundee and Glasgow will continue to be allowed to recruit international students into dentistry, and we expect that the international intake targets set by SFC will be similar to those set in previous years, while allowing for any international student numbers already undertaking courses. International students are expected to contribute towards ACT(D) via their student fees, as per previous agreements.

I trust that the above is helpful to you for AY 2024-25 planning.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Dental Officer**