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Dear Ms Osowska,

Dental Undergraduates – Recommended Intake Numbers

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

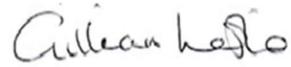
While noting that the setting of intake targets is a matter for the Scottish Funding Council, as in previous years, I am providing you with notice of Scottish Ministers' recommended intake which takes account of the need to support the dental workforce as well as the overall ambition of Scottish Government. The decision reached for the 2026-27 academic year has been maintained at the 2025-26 level of 145 students – covering those students who are eligible to pay 'home' fees, rest of UK students and students from the Republic of Ireland. We recommend that the Universities of Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow will continue to be allowed to recruit international students into dentistry, at the level recommended for the 2025-26 academic year. The overall recommended intakes for each university are therefore set out below:

University	Scots/rUK Intake	International Intake	Total
University of Aberdeen	22	1	23
University of Dundee	51	11	62
University of Glasgow	72	15	87
Total	145	27	172

International students, including EU students without 'home fee' status from AY 2022-23, are expected to contribute towards ACT(D) via their student fees, as per previous agreements.

I trust that the above is helpful to you in planning for the 2026-27 academic year.

Yours sincerely,



Gillian Leslie
Chief Dental Officer