

Linda Norgrove Foundation-supported Students: Guidance for universities

1. The Linda Norgrove Foundation (LNF) Programme support female Afghan students to continue their Medical studies in Scotland, including the Gateway to Medical Studies programme. It is a one-off initiative and not a continued scheme. LNF have indicated that they are not planning a repeat and, therefore, there will be no additional funding for these students.
2. Funding legislation was amended to treat the cohort of students as home students with students receiving free tuition and cost of living support under the same terms as Scottish-domiciled students.
3. Inclusion of these students, however, was planned separately from the standard admissions process and, therefore, these students are separate from and do not count against intake targets/numbers. It was agreed between Scottish Government and universities that universities would use their existing funding, as provided by SFC, with no additional funded places to accommodate this particular group of students.
4. The living-cost support element is drawn down from SAAS' main HE budget that covers student support for Scottish-domiciled students.
5. In terms of repeat years, there aren't necessarily any restrictions on students repeating programmes and it is, therefore, an academic decision for the universities whether or not students be allowed to repeat the course. Universities would be able to return students repeating for medical reasons as students eligible for funding against funded places.
6. For the Early Statistics Return, there is an 'other,' option for international routes not covered by intake targets which universities should use to record LNF-supported students.