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Dear Francesca,

PRE-REGISTRATION BSc (Hons) PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS EDUCATION

This letter is to advise the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) of the Scottish Government recommended intake target for the Prosthetics and Orthotics (P&O) undergraduate programme for academic year (AY) 2026-27.

The intake target for AY 2026-27 is 25 Scottish domiciled students. P&O will be treated as a controlled subject by SFC. We ask that SFC monitor the annual intake number and the volume of students in years 1-4. Strathclyde University will also be expected to provide annual information to the Chief Nursing Officer Directorate where possible on the destination of graduates from its P&O programme. Such monitoring will help to ensure that there are enough students to satisfy the workforce needs of the NHS and that we have accurate data on where our students may subsequently be employed.

Under-recruitment should be measured against funded student places with a tolerance threshold of 5 FTEs or 5%, whichever is greater, before funds are potentially recovered. Over-recruitment should also be measured against the University's funded places, with a tolerance threshold of 10% before any funds are potentially recovered. The University should be asked for any mitigating circumstances before any decision on the recovery of funds is made by SFC, in liaison with the Scottish Government.

Subject to discussions with the SFC over the calculation of the fundable student population and confirmation of the funding for AY 2026-27, we will transfer the appropriate level of funding required.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss any aspect of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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