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Dear Karen,

DEVELOPMENT OF SIMULATED PLACEMENTS WITHIN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTE SETTINGS

I am writing to let you know that the Scottish Government will transfer extra funding to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) so that you can fund higher education institutes (HEIs) to employ additional staff to develop simulated clinical placements within HEI settings. The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring there is adequate provision of student placements for Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professional (NMAHP) students which have been under pressure due to Covid-19.

The funding will total £3,830,557 over 2 financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23. This will enable HEIs to compensate for missing placement experiences for students on NMAHP programmes. Additional placement capacity will be required over the remainder of the next 2 academic years, AY 2020/21 and 2021/22. This equates to funding for 1.5 years fixed term contract. Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates will transfer initial funds to the SFC as part of Budget (Scotland) 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 - Autumn Budget Revision.

We would like the SFC to provide the funding to HEIs and monitor spend working with them to ensure that funds are used only for the purposes intended. The funding is intended to be spent primarily on staffing to support simulated and alternate placement provision. The SFC should monitor progress on the spend towards simulated placement development and should recover funds under-spent by HEIs at the end of each financial year.

Funding will be allocated as per the following table:

| Financial year | AHP (23 FTE) | N&M (15.5 FTE) |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2021/22 (commencing 1 April 2021) | £1,525,590 | £1,028,115 |
| 2022/23 (6 months) (commencing 1 April 2022) | £762,795 | £514,057 |
| Total | £2,288,385 | £1,542,172 |
| Grand total | £3,830,557 | |

Table 1. Additional funding for simulated placements for NMAHP students

Annex A details how the funding will be allocated across HEIs for AHP subjects.

Annex B details how funding will be allocated for Nursing and Midwifery courses.

Annex C details the amount each HEI will be allocated.

I would be grateful if the SFC would now make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of these funds, including to continue to work closely with Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate officials and HEIs to ensure the smooth implementation of this funding.

This letter is copied to University Principals, Heads of Schools of the relevant HEIs, the Council of Deans Health (UK), Universities Scotland, NHS Education for Scotland, Director General Health and Social Care, Director General Education and Justice, Roddy MacDonald and Pamela McBride.

Yours sincerely,



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ANNEX A

AHP breakdown of funding

1.0 FTE per HEI per professional area at a cost of £66,330, including costs per annum (based on 2020 pay rates at midpoint Grade 8), except for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy which have significantly bigger student intakes, where 2.0 FTE will be required.

| Allied Health Profession | FTE | Number of HEIs | Total FTE |
|---|-----|----------------|------------------------|
| Dietetics | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| **Occupational Therapy | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Arts Therapies | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Paramedic Science | 0.4 | 5 | 2 |
| **Physiotherapy | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Podiatry | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Speech & Language Therapy | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Edinburgh Napier University (Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | | | 23 |
| ** Largest student numbers requiring additional support | | | Per AY 20/21 and 21/22 |

| AHP | QMU | GCU | RGU | ENU | Strathclyde | Stirling | UWS | TOTAL |
|---|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Dietetics | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| **Occupational Therapy | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 6 |
| Arts Therapies | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| Paramedic Science | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | | | 0.4 | 0.4 | 2 |
| **Physiotherapy | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 6 |
| Podiatry | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 2 |
| Speech & Language Therapy | 1 | | | | 1 | | | 2 |
| ENU (Napier) Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy | | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | 8.4 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 1 | 1 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 23 |

Annex B

Nursing and Midwifery breakdown of funding

The same formula as AHP across the 11 providers of Nursing and Midwifery education has been applied (OU has a different funding model), taking into account that demand for additional HEI placement hours will be less than that for AHP students.

The calculation is based on:

- 2 FTE, fixed term contract, per HEI with over 200 student intake per year (AY 2020/21);
- 1 FTE for HEIs with 100 -200 student intake per year; and
- pro rata below 100 student intake.

| Size of HEI based on students intake AY 20/21 | Number of HEIs | FTE |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| Over 200 students per year | 6 | 12 |
| Between 100 and 200 students | 2 | 2 |
| Under 100 students | 3 | 1.5 |
| Total | | 15.5 |

Annex C
Cash allocations per HEI

Allied Health Professions

| FY 2021/22 | QMU | GCU | RGU | Napier | Strathclyde | Stirling | UWS | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Dietetics | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | | | | | £198,990 |
| **Occupational Therapy | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | | | | | £397,980 |
| Arts Therapies | £66,330 | | | | | | | £66,330 |
| Paramedic Science | £26,532 | £26,532 | £26,532 | | | £26,532 | £26,532 | £132,660 |
| **Physiotherapy | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | | | | | £397,980 |
| Podiatry | £66,330 | £66,330 | | | | | | £132,660 |
| Speech & Language Therapy | £66,330 | | | | £66,330 | | | £132,660 |
| ENU – Napier (Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy) | | | | £66,330 | | | | £66,330 |
| TOTAL | £557,172 | £424,512 | £358,182 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £26,532 | £26,532 | £1,525,590 |

| FY 2021/23 (6 months) | QMU | GCU | RGU | Napier | Strathclyde | Stirling | UWS | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Dietetics | £33,165 | £33,165 | £33,165 | | | | | £99,495 |
| **Occupational Therapy | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | | | | | £198,990 |
| Arts Therapies | £33,165 | | | | | | | £33,165 |
| Paramedic Science | £13,266 | £13,266 | £13,266 | | | £13,266 | £13,266 | £66,330 |
| **Physiotherapy | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | | | | | £198,990 |
| Podiatry | £33,165 | £33,165 | | | | | | £66,330 |
| Speech & Language Therapy | £33,165 | | | | £33,165 | | | £66,330 |
| ENU – Napier (Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy) | | | | £33,165 | | | | £33,165 |
| TOTAL | £278,586 | £212,256 | £179,091 | £33,165 | £33,165 | £13,266 | £13,266 | £762,795 |

Nursing and Midwifery

| | > 200 students (2 FTE) | | | | | | 100 - 200 students (1FTE) | | < 100 students (0.5 FTE) | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| FY 2021/22 | Dundee | Napier | GCU | RGU | Stirling | UWS | QMU | UHI | Uni Edinburgh | Uni Glasgow | Abertay | TOTAL |
| N&MW | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | £132,660 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £33,165 | £33,165 | £33,165 | £1,028,115 |

| | > 200 students (2 FTE) | | | | | | 100 - 200 students (1FTE) | | < 100 students (0.5 FTE) | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| FY 2022/23 | Dundee | Napier | GCU | RGU | Stirling | UWS | QMU | UHI | Uni Edinburgh | Uni Glasgow | Abertay | TOTAL |
| N&MW | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £66,330 | £33,165 | £33,165 | £16,583 | £16,583 | £16,582 | £514,057 |