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Summary:	Announcement of funding for additional MSc Physiotherapy students recruited by universities in Academic Year 2022-23.
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Summary

1. I write to announce funding for additional university pre-registration MSc Physiotherapy students recruited through the September and January intakes in Academic Year (AY) 2022-23.

Background

2. The Scottish Government (SG) has committed to fund up to 225 additional Advanced Musculo-Skeletal (MSK) practitioners in Primary Care. Four providers recruited 37 additional students in AY 2021-22.
3. In AY 2022-23, the same four providers have again recruited additional places and SFC will administer the funding associated with the additional recruitment for both year groups.
4. As announced last year, SFC will monitor student numbers for an initial period of three years (until AY 2023-24), although it may continue for a further period (until AY 2025-26) given the pressures on placements caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding for AY 2022-23

5. A total of 52 additional students have been recruited in AY 2022-23. This funding announcement covers the total of 89 additional students recruited over the two Ays.
6. In discussions between Scottish Government (SG), NHS Education for Scotland (NES), and the relevant universities, it was agreed that students would be funded based on each university's postgraduate fees for each year, rather than at SFC's teaching subject price. As a result of this funding arrangement, the additional MSc Physiotherapy funding will sit outside SFC's Main Teaching Grant model and no funded places will be allocated for this additional provision.
7. A total of **£845,960** will be allocated in AY 2022-23. The table below sets out the funding for each university, broken down by year group.

Institution	Allocation for Year 1 Students	Allocation for Year 2 Students	Total Allocation for AY 2022-23
Edinburgh Napier University	£76,160	£142,800	£218,960
Glasgow Caledonian University	£144,000	£83,000*	£227,000*
Queen Margaret University	£65,280	£135,520	£200,800
Robert Gordon University	£69,720	£129,480	£199,200
TOTAL	£355,160	£490,800	£845,960

8. Following discussions between SG and Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), the year two total has been reduced by £7,000 to account for a student who did not commence the physiotherapy course in AY 2021-22 (denoted by * in the table).
9. Payment will be made in March 2023.

Conditions of grant

10. It is a condition of grant that universities should not charge additional pre-registration MSc Physiotherapy students a tuition fee in addition to the funding provided through this allocation.

Future years funding and monitoring

11. SFC will explore with universities whether the funding for additional MSc Physiotherapy students could be allocated through the Main Teaching Grant model in future years. If this is not possible then funding will continue to be distributed in a similar manner to that outlined above.
12. In future years, universities will be required to return their additional MSc Physiotherapy students through their annual Early Statistics Return. SFC will contact universities to determine the basis upon which these returns should be made.

Further information

13. If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, email: dcondie@sfc.ac.uk.



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