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University intake targets for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in AY 2022-23

Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the intake targets for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in universities for Academic Year (AY) 2022-23.

Background

2. SFC receives annual guidance from the Scottish Government's Chief Nursing Officer's (CNO) Directorate, providing recommended intakes for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. The CNO Directorate's guidance for AY 2022-23 is provided in Annex A.
3. From 2015-16, the guidance from the Scottish Government has provided SFC with intake targets for all Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. This includes the '36 month' courses which are funded through a Scottish Government ring-fenced grant, places which were previously part of some universities' core grant and were used for Honours Nursing provision (referred to as four years honours), and courses offered through the Open University in Scotland (OUiS).

Intake targets for AY 2022-23

4. The overall intake target for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2022-23, as recommended by the CNO Directorate, is 4,837 students; an increase of 8.7% to the overall intake target from AY 2021-22. This equates to an additional 388 students.
5. The profession and field increases are:
 - Adult: 7.0%
 - Mental Health: 20.0%
 - Learning Disability: 10.0%
 - Children's: 1.7%
 - Midwifery 4.9%
6. The intake target includes students with 'home fee' status, students from the rest of the UK (rUK), and students from the Republic of Ireland (RoI). Included in the target are 468 students that have been allocated to the seven universities delivering four year honours provision.
7. We have split out the intake targets for AY 2022-23 according to field of practice, as set out in the CNO's guidance to SFC. Universities should give

regard to the split of intakes between the four fields of practice and midwifery when recruiting for AY 2022-23.

8. In AY 2021-22, SFC took over the funding provision of Pre-Registration Nursing and Midwifery Education at the OUIs from the Scottish Government. This will continue in AY 2022-23, with the Scottish Government providing the associated transfer of resource to SFC and SFC allocating this funding directly to the OUIs.
9. We recognise that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the last two AYs have been extremely challenging and that this was reflected in student recruitment to Nursing and Midwifery Pre-registration programmes. In AY 2022-23 however, it is our expectation that universities should make every effort to recruit to the intake targets in this letter.
10. SFC may recover funds from universities who under-recruit eligible students against funded places by more than 3% and apply penalties to universities who over-recruit and exceed their 'consolidation number' by more than 10%, subject to the consideration of any mitigating evidence presented by the university. Specific allocations of funded places will be provided in the final university funding announcement for AY 2022-23 due to be published at the end of May.

Rest of UK students

11. In January 2017 the CNO Directorate wrote to inform SFC that, following a decision from Scottish Ministers, the reciprocal arrangements with other UK administrations which allow students from those areas to access financial support for their Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education studies, was to come to an end from AY 2017-18. This decision applied to new rUK students only. SFC will continue to monitor the overall fundable student population based on changes in rUK numbers in consultation with institutions. The intake targets set out in the table below are for all students eligible for 'home fee' status, rUK, and RoI students.

European Union students

12. As a result of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union (EU) and the transitional period ending in January 2021, EU students without 'home fee' status, starting their courses in AY 2022-23 are not eligible for SFC funding. RoI students will also be ineligible for funding but will have access to a tuition fee loan via Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) of up to £9,250 each year. Continuing EU students will continue to receive SFC funding.

Indexing of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery students

13. In addition to SFC's data collections, universities are also required to index Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery students with NHS Education for Scotland (NES).
14. In response to concerns regarding the consistency of data submitted to NES and SFC, a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQ) document is attached at Annex B. This document includes information on intake targets, funded student places, SFC's consolidation number and when students should be indexed with NES.

Tuition fees

15. From AY 2021-22 tuition fees for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery were administered in a similar manner to other programmes and this will continue in AY 2022-23. Students with 'home fee' status should apply to SAAS for their tuition fees, as SFC no longer funds Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery places at the gross teaching price. EU students who commenced their studies prior to the beginning of AY 2021-22 will continue to be funded by SFC for both tuition fees and teaching grant until the completion of their programme.

Previous study

16. In circumstances where students have already received UK or other EU public funds for a higher education course before, and it was not to study Nursing or Midwifery, they can apply for support to study a Nursing or Midwifery course. Students on Pre-registration Masters Nursing or Midwifery programmes will continue to be eligible for funding. More information on funding for Nursing and Midwifery students can be found on SAAS's website.

Funded places

17. SFC will contact universities to share our AY 2022-23 funded places modelling for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education, in advance of the funded places and funding being confirmed in the final funding announcement.

Further information

18. Please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer, Finance Directorate, tel: 0131 313 6671, email: dcondie@sfc.ac.uk.



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Table 1: Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery intake targets for AY 2022-23

	Adult	Children & Young People	Learning Disability	Midwifery	Mental Health	Total	Intake target for 4-year Honours Degree (included in total)
Abertay University					78	78	78
University of Dundee	424	57			108	589	
University of Edinburgh	64					64	64
Edinburgh Napier University	444	101	60	89 (+20)*	134	848	
Glasgow Caledonian University	523	103	98		110	834	71
University of Glasgow	60					60	60
Open University in Scotland	61	6	8		48	123	
Queen Margaret University	90					90	90
Robert Gordon University	285	55		81	80	501	43
University of Stirling	289				104	393	62
University of the Highlands & Islands	138				36	174	
University of the West of Scotland	782			111	190	1,083	
Total	3,160	322	166	301	888	4,837	468

* includes an intake of 20 students to the shortened midwifery programme