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Summary: Announcement of intake targets for the controlled subject of Medicine in universities for Academic Year 2022-23.

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Intake targets for Medicine in universities for AY 2022-23

Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the Academic Year (AY) 2022-23 intake targets for the controlled subject of Medicine. This is set out in Table 1 below.

Background

2. SFC receives annual guidance from the Scottish Government's Health Workforce Directorate, providing recommended intakes for medical schools in Scotland. This letter of guidance for AY 2022-23 is provided in Annex A.
3. Consideration of medical undergraduate numbers for 2022-23 has taken place against a complex background consisting of factors such as the ongoing delivery of Widening Access, Scot GEM and changes to the Scottish domicile commitments.

Key changes in 2022-23

4. The following areas have changed for AY 2022-23, from the published AY 2021-22 intake targets:
 - The core intake target has increased by 180, to a total of 964 students.
 - The intake target for Widening Access students has increased by 30, to a total of 90 students.
 - The intake target for Scot GEM has increased by 15, to a total of 70 students.
 - The intake targets for the GP Track programmes and the HCP-Med programme have increased by 30, to a total of 115 students.
 - The one-off intake target in AY 2021-22 for 55 students who had appealed their results or had requested deferred entry has been removed.
 - The minimum intake target for students with a 'Home Fee' status has been removed for AY 2022-23.
 - The intake target for the 'Gateway to Medicine' programmes has increased by 20, to a total of 70 students.

Intake targets

5. SFC has received guidance from the Scottish Government advising that the recommended intake for Medicine for AY 2022-23 will be 1,317 students.

6. The intake target is split between an intake of 1,239 students with 'Home Fees', rest of UK (ruck), and Republic of Ireland (Roil) status, and an intake of 78 students with 'International' fee status. The intake target for AY 2022-23 is an increase of 200 students from the 1,117 target published in AY 2021-22 (which included a one-off allocation for 55 appeals and deferrals students), representing the first two years of the Scottish Government's commitment to increase medical school numbers by at least 100 per year over the lifetime of the parliament.

Widening Access places

7. The total number of places reserved for Widening Access (WA) students in AY 2022-23 has increased by 30 to a total of 90 students. The criteria for WA students changed in AY 2021-22. Students must now be from SIMD 20 areas and/or be from a care experienced background to meet Ministerial aims and aspirations on widening access and participation. This is in line with the recommendations from the Fair Access Commissioner Report published in summer 2020.
8. In addition to this, the Scottish Government recommends increasing places on the two pre-medical courses at Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities by a total of 20 places.

Scottish Domicile policy

9. The minimum intake target for students eligible to pay 'Home Fees' was introduced in AY 2019-20 in order to increase the number of medical graduates who would progress to join the Scottish NHS workforce. In light of the extraordinary circumstances of 2020-21, implementation of the Scottish Domicile policy was suspended for a year and was brought back in AY 2021-22. It was anticipated that AY 2022-23 would be the final year of this policy. However, given the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic in AY 2021-22 the policy has again been suspended and for AY 2022-23 there will be no minimum intake target for students eligible to pay 'Home Fees'.
10. Ministers remain committed to increasing the number of Scottish-domiciled students and the focus on delivering this outcome has shifted to increasing intakes to WA places, Scot GEM, GP track programmes, the HCP-Med programme, pre-medical school places and other interventions.
11. On behalf of the Scottish Government, SFC will continue to monitor the number of Scottish-domiciled students including as a proportion of overall medical school intake.

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 funding by SFC. Students should be classified according to guidance provided by SAAS which can be found at [SAAS: Brexit guidance](#).

Intake targets

13. Should you foresee any difficulties in meeting these targets you should make this apparent at the earliest opportunity so that any potential flexibility can be explored out with normal tolerance levels? Please therefore contact Duncan Condie at SFC (0131 313 6671 dcondie@sfc.ac.uk) and Michelle Campbell at Scottish Government (07760 990951 Michelle.Campbell@gov.scot) if you feel your institution will not meet your intake target.

Funding and funded places

14. SFC may recover funds from universities who under-recruit eligible students against funded places by more than 3% and apply financial 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.

Further information

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



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Table 1: Intake targets for the Scottish Medical Schools for AY 2022-23

Institution	Core intake target				Additional intake targets				Total International	Total Intake Target for AY 2022-23	Gateway to medicine
	Published AY 2021-22 core intake target (2)	Adjustment to AY 2021-22 core intake target (3)	Additional AY 2022-23 core intake target (4)	Final AY 2022-23 core intake target (5)	Widening Access Places (6)	ScotGEM (7)	GP Track (8)	HCP-Med (9)			
Aberdeen, University of	152	28	5	185	17		55		19	276	30
Dundee, University of	134	26	5	165	17				16	198	
Edinburgh, University of	190	35	5	230	22			30	21	303	
Glasgow, University of	210	39	5	254	17		30		22	323	40
St Andrews, University of	98	27	5	130	17	70			-	217	
Sector	784	155	25	964	90	70	85	30	78	1,317	70