



SFC Announcement

Intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Dentistry in universities for 2016-17

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Summary: Announcement of intake targets and funded places for universities in the controlled subject of Dentistry for academic year 2016-17.

FAO: Principals and directors of Scotland's universities

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Purpose

- 1. I am writing to announce the intake targets and funded places for universities in the controlled subject of Dentistry for Academic Year (AY) 2016-17.

Intake targets and funded places

- 2. We have received guidance from the Scottish Government recommending that undergraduate dental intakes for AY 2016-17 should be maintained at 135 FTEs.
- 3. Universities should note that the Scottish Government’s guidance states that additional international students may be recruited to compensate for the loss of income from Scottish-domiciled and EU students. International intakes for AY 2016-17 have been set to reflect the loss of income from previous reductions in Scots/EU/RUK intakes and remain at the same level as in AY 2015-16.
- 4. A copy of the full guidance letter from the Chief Dental Officer is provided at Annex A. Details of intake targets and funded places for Dentistry are set out in the table below.

Intakes and Funded Places for Dentistry AY 2016-17

University	Intake targets				Funded places	
	Scots/EU/RUK		International	Total	Pre-clinical FTE	Clinical FTE
	Target	Assumed RUK proportion used to derive funded places				
Aberdeen, University of	20	25.4%	-	20	-	64.7
Dundee, University of	48	36.4%	9	57	30.5	160.6
Glasgow, University of	67	20.2%	11	78	53.5	204.5
Total	135		20	155	84.0	465.8

5. We do not set an intake target for RUK students, however, in order to calculate our funded places for Scots/EU students we derive a proportion of the intake that relates to RUK students. This proportion is shown in the table above. Institutions are not expected to base their recruitment on this.
6. The funding associated with the places set out above will be announced as part of the final outcome agreement funding allocations for universities for AY 2016-17.

Threshold for under and over-recruitment

7. Some concerns have been raised with SFC that the current thresholds for under and over-recruitment do not allow the Scottish Government sufficient control of the number of health professionals entering the workforce. SFC, therefore, intends to meet with representatives from the Scottish Government for the Health controlled subjects to discuss the current thresholds for under and over-recruitment and the possibility of changing them. Currently, SFC may apply clawback if a university under-recruits against controlled funding places by more than 3%, and a financial penalty if a university exceeds its indicative number for controlled places by 10% or 10 FTEs (whichever is largest).

Further information

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Dear Laurence,

DENTAL UNDERGRADUATE NUMBERS

My purpose in writing to you is to inform you that following extensive analytical work on the needs of the dental workforce in Scotland undertaken by SGHSCD and NES, Ministers have agreed to maintain the number of students entering Scottish Dental Schools at 135 for academic year 2016-17. The recommended overall dentistry intake for Scots/EU and the rest of the UK students for academic year 2016-17 is therefore 135.

The setting of intake targets to dental schools is a matter for the Scottish Funding Council, however I recommend that the numbers are distributed across the three dental schools.

Universities will be allowed to recruit overseas students to compensate for loss of income from home funded students but cognisance should be taken of the numbers of international students already on the courses. International students will be expected to contribute towards ACT(D) via their student fees as previously agreed.

Kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

MARGIE TAYLOR
Chief Dental Officer