



SFC Announcement

Intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery in universities for 2016-17

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Summary: Announcement of intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in AY 2016-17.

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Purpose

1. I am writing to announce the intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education in universities for academic year (AY) 2016-17, as well as the indicative funding associated with these places. These are set out in the following tables:
 - Table 1: Intake targets and funded places for existing commissioned providers of pre-registration provision (ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates).
 - Table 2: Intake targets and funded places for Honours programmes.
 - Table 3: Indicative funding associated with Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery.

Background

2. Annually we receive guidance from the Scottish Government's Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate, providing recommended intakes for Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. Details of the Chief Nursing Officer's guidance for AY 2016-17 is provided in annex A.
3. From 2015-16, the guidance from the Scottish Government has provided us with intake targets for all Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery Education. This includes the existing commissioned places which are funded through a Scottish Government ring-fenced grant, and places which were previously part of some universities' core grant which were used for Honours Nursing provision.
4. The 2015-16 delivery plan of "Setting the Direction for Nursing and Midwifery Education in Scotland" includes the "setting out of a new process for the management and governance of pre-registration commissioning, including an enhanced data set" (using the NES Indexing data, SFC statistical returns and HESA data). We have been working with NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate to develop a new process for a proposed implementation in AY 2017-18. We will write out to universities separately to provide further information on the proposed new process.

Recommended intake targets and funded places

5. The overall intake target for AY 2016-17, as recommended by the Scottish

Government, for pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery education is 3,209 FTEs. Of this, 2,947 places have been allocated to the six universities set out in Table 1. Table 2 provides a breakdown of the intakes for the SFC funded places for the six universities delivering Honours provision; this totals 242 FTEs. The remaining 20 places have been allocated to the Open University in Scotland which provides pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes in remote and rural areas under the terms of a contract with the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate.

6. The overall recommended intake to all pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes has been increased by around 5.6%; the recommended intake to Honours programmes has been adjusted from AY 2015-16 taking account of discussions with individual institutions and the annual intake modelling process.
7. We have split out the intake targets for AY 2016-17 according to field of practice, as set out in the Chief Nursing Officer's guidance to us. Universities should give regard to the intakes for each field of practice when recruiting for AY 2016-17.
8. In Table 1 we have also set-out details of funded places covering all course years. The funded places have been calculated by SFC and the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate has agreed funds to be transferred to SFC on this basis. In arriving at these funded places we have taken account of target/actual students in previous years and applied institutional progression rates. Details of these calculations can be provided by SFC upon request.
9. We continue to implement the Scottish Government's policy of bringing together and placing controls on all Nursing and Midwifery provision. This includes Honours provision that was previously non-commissioned. We are phasing in these controls and the AY 2016-17 intake will be the third controlled cohort; Table 2 sets-out these funded places. These are not additional places; we are reducing universities' core non-controlled funded places in return for these Nursing places.
10. The controlled places for pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery education are funded at price group 4, which was announced in the indicative funding announcement at a gross price of £7,203.
11. The intakes for controlled subjects and funded student places will be monitored (at the level of field of practice) in AY 2016-17 for notable levels of over-recruitment as well as under-recruitment. Our current arrangement, which applies to the existing six commissioned providers, is that the upper limit universities are able to recruit is 10% or 10 places (whichever is larger) above their funded places. For under-recruitment the tolerance is 3% under the funded places, before any clawback will be applied.

12. The above controls also apply to the SFC funded provision (four year Honours), however, it is our intention that we will deal with breaches of tolerance flexibly on a case by case basis while we move towards a fully controlled cohort.

Further information

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

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Laurence Howells
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Table 1: Intake targets and funded places for existing commissioned providers of pre-registration provision (ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates)

	Adult Intake	Mental Health Intake	Learning Disability Intake	Children's Health Intake	Midwifery Intake	Total of intake by field of practice	Total Intake for commissioned nursing	Total Funded Places
Dundee, University of	320	55		49		424	424	1,134
Edinburgh Napier University	344	59	55	88	56	602	602	1,595
Glasgow Caledonian University ¹	372	60	55	79		566	512	1,417
Robert Gordon University ¹	208	40		42	53	343	318	810
Stirling, University of	275	70				345	345	979
West of Scotland, University of	556	117			73	746	746	1,927
Total¹	2,075	401	110	258	182	3,026	2,947	7,862

¹ The breakdown of intakes between field of practice for Glasgow Caledonian University and Robert Gordon University for the commissioned places includes the intakes for the Honours Programme. The total intake in each table shows how the total intake should be split between commissioned places and honours places.

The table above excludes the intake of 20 places that have been allocated to the Open University in Scotland which provides pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery programmes in remote and rural areas under the terms of a contract with the Chief Nursing Officer's Directorate.

Table 2: Intake targets and funded places for Honours programmes

	Adult Intake	Mental Health Intake	Learning Disability Intake	Children's Health Intake	Midwifery Intake	Total Intake	Total Funded Places
Abertay Dundee, University of		42				42	110
Edinburgh, University of	38					38	100
Glasgow Caledonian University ¹						54	142
Glasgow, University of	43					43	115
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	40					40	103
Robert Gordon University ¹						25	68
Total¹	121	42	0	0	0	242	638

¹ The breakdown of intakes between field of practice for Glasgow Caledonian University and Robert Gordon University for the commissioned places includes the intakes for the Honours Programme. The total intake in each table shows how the total intake should be split between commissioned places and honours places.

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Table 3: Indicative funding associated with Pre-registration Nursing and Midwifery education

	Funding associated with ring-fenced places funded by the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates	Funding for Honours programmes¹	Total funding
Abertay Dundee, University of		£792,330	£792,330
Dundee, University of	£8,168,202		£8,168,202
Edinburgh, University of		£720,300	£720,300
Edinburgh Napier University	£11,488,785		£11,488,785
Glasgow Caledonian University	£10,206,651	£1,022,826	£11,229,477
Glasgow, University of		£828,345	£828,345
Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh		£741,909	£741,909
Robert Gordon University	£5,834,430	£489,804	£6,324,234
Stirling, University of	£7,051,737		£7,051,737
West of Scotland, University of	£13,880,181		£13,880,181
Total	£56,629,986	£4,595,514	£61,225,500

¹ The funding for the honours programme is included in an institution's core teaching grant.

The figures in the table above are indicative and the final funding allocations will be confirmed in SFC's final outcome agreement funding announcement.