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By Email.

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Dear Lewis,

### **Nursing, midwifery and paramedic education recommended intake targets for Academic Year 2021/22**

I am writing to advise the Health & Sport Committee of the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorates' recommended intake targets for nursing and midwifery undergraduate programmes, and paramedic education programmes, for Academic Year 2021/22.

Having considered all of the factors involved, Scottish Ministers have determined that the overall intake for all undergraduate nursing and midwifery programmes should be increased by 5.8% in 2021/22 (expressed as places, an additional 243), providing a total of 4449 nursing and midwifery training places. The profession and field increases are set out at **Annex A**. This decision reflects the Student Intake Planning Stakeholder Group's recommendations.

This is the ninth successive increase in recommended nursing and midwifery student intake numbers, leading to an overall 46% increase during the life of this parliament.

The total overall recommended intake target for the second cohort of students to be admitted to the new paramedic education programmes will be 300 Scottish domiciled students. This represents an increase from 284 in 2020/21, which was the first year of the new degree programmes.

**JEANE FREEMAN**

## Annex A

### Proposed Intake Targets

Recommended nursing and midwifery intake targets for 2021/22

Field	Recommended Intake 2020/21	Increased places	Percent increase	Recommended intake 2021/22
Adult	2813	141	5%	<b>2954</b>
Mental Health	655	85	13%	<b>740</b>
Learning Disability	151	0	0%	<b>151</b>
Children	317	0	0%	<b>317</b>
Midwifery	270	17 including 30 places to be allocated to shortened midwifery programmes	6.3%	<b>287</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4206</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>4449</b>

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