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Ms Ann McVie
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Dear Ms McVie

Medical Tuition Fees: Request for views by 31 October 2004

Your letter of 1 September 2004 seeks views on the proposal that Scottish Ministers may set a separate level of tuition fees for medical students as part of the measures introduced to protect Scottish students from the consequences of the introduction of variable tuition fees in England.

The Faculty of Medicine at the University of Glasgow would wish to be fully involved in discussions of the measures that might be taken in order to ensure that students domiciled in Scotland are not disadvantaged by the changes which will be introduced in England in 2006. These measures would clearly have to take full account of the existing pressure on places in Scottish Medical Schools and of the conclusion made in the Calman Review of Basic Medical Education that consideration should be given to increasing the proportion of Scottish domiciled students in Scottish Medical Schools. Calman also recommended more medical school places to help meet Scotland's need for more doctors. As our response to Calman has pointed out, the University of Glasgow, with its leading record of producing medical graduates who pursue their careers in Scotland, is best placed to provide a significant number of these places. It is important that the fee structure should not undermine this record. The Calman Review has also recommended that a Board for Medical Education in Scotland be established. It is the view of this Faculty that this would be the appropriate forum for future decisions about differential fee levels.

Yours sincerely

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