

Dear Ms McVie

I write on behalf of the Bute Medical School at the University of St Andrews regarding the proposal to set a higher flat rate fee for medicine for students from England studying in Scotland. We would support the principle of doing this although perhaps regret the necessity. We would however feel strongly that the Scottish fee should not in total be more than the English fee over the normal 5 years. As we understand it the English fees are likely to be 3 x £3000 with bursaries paying for years 4 and 5. The net cost in Scotland should not be more than £9,000 over 5 years. Although we understand the financial necessities we would regret that it appears none of this money will be returned to the medical schools in Scotland who are already under-funded compared to the English medical schools as far as the contribution from SHEFC is concerned.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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