

## **RESPONSE FROM STOW COLLEGE**

### **Do you agree with the principles on which the general fee level should be based?**

The five principles set out clearly the intention to achieve a reasonable balance which will maintain higher education cross border student flows and are therefore supported.

The final level of tuition fees in England is unlikely to be clear until much later in 2005.

### **At what level should general tuition fees be set for 2006-07?**

It is difficult to respond with certainty to this question because of the volatility which exists in England, Northern Ireland and Wales. If as anticipated, the total cost of tuition fees in England are £2,200 - £2,500 p.a. then it would seem reasonable to establish general tuition fees in Scotland for 2006-07 in the range £1700 - £1900 per annum. This would take into account the total fees payable over three years in England and four years in Scotland.

### **Should any self funded Scottish and non-UK EU domiciled student be protected from the increased level of tuition fee?**

Yes – all categories noted.

### **Do you agree with the principle of using tuition fee levels to protect the interests of Scottish domiciled students by setting fee levels for medicine that are broadly comparable with these being set elsewhere in the UK?**

Yes. However, other incentives to retain doctors working in the NHS in Scotland should be further investigated.

### **If you agree, at what level should tuition fees for medical courses be set?**

Tuition fees for medical courses in Scotland should be set at £3,000 p.a.

### **Do you agree that the executive should retain current tuition fee levels for HNs?**

No