

**Re: Consultation on cross border student flows: higher education tuition fee levels**

On behalf of Napier University, I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to the Scottish Executive's consultation on higher education tuition fees.

***General Tuition fees***

In general we agree with the principles set out in para 26. Fee levels should be set to maintain broad parity between studying in England and Scotland. We need to ensure that we balance the need to ensure that Scottish domiciled students are not disadvantaged from the introduction of tuition fees in England, whilst maintaining the attractiveness of studying in Scotland to students from the rest of the UK.

***Self funded Scottish domiciled students (para 37)***

In support of our widening access and lifelong learning agenda we would wish to protect the three main categories of students identified in para 34, ie students studying for a second degree, students with an HND and students who repeat more than a year.

***Medical Tuition fees***

Since Napier does not deliver medical education, we do not think it is appropriate to respond to the consultation questions in this section.

***Implications for FE (para 45)***

We do not think it is appropriate for an HEI to respond to the section on the implications for FE.