

DHD: 1990323

23 March 2023

Dear

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (2002).

I now respond to your request as follows:

I would be grateful if you could tell me, separately, for the current academic year and the for the academic years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

- *The day that student bursary payments are paid to students in the college?*
- *How many student bursary payments were stopped for reasons related to attendance/engagement?*
- *The policy on informing students that payments are being stopped?*
- *If not included in the policy, the amount of notice that students are given prior to payments being stopped?*
- *How many of those who had their bursary stopped for reasons related to attendance/engagement were Care Experienced students?*

For those Care Experience Students:

- *What age they were they when payment was stopped? (I would be grateful if you could provide the data in the age categories of 16 and 17, 18-25 and 35+)*
- *If not included in the policy noted above, after how many hours/days of absence/disengagement was the bursary stopped?*
- *The college policy on managing bursary money that is unpaid to students?*
- *Overall, the total amount of money that was withheld from care experienced students for reasons related to attendance/engagement in each academic year?*
- *Whether an equality impact assessment has been undertaken by your institution in relation to the bursary policy and withholding/stopping of payments?*

Please refer to the attached enclosure.

If it has, can you please provide a copy of that equality impact assessment?

N/A.

I trust the above response meets your request for information in full.

Should you be unhappy with the College's response you may seek a review, by writing to Derek Smeall, Principal. Your grounds for seeking a review should be included in your request.

I also wish to advise you that the Scottish Information Commissioner has launched an online appeals service via their website – the link is as follows:

www.itspublicknowledge.info/appeal.

Other contact information for the Scottish Information Commissioner is listed below:

Tel: 01334 464610

Email: enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info

Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

Donald Higgins – Durnan
Corporate Support and Administration Manager

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I would be grateful if you could tell me, separately, for the current academic year and the for the academic years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022:

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 to date
The day that student bursary payments are paid to students in the college?		Fornightly on a Friday	
How many student bursary payments were stopped for reasons related to attendance/engagement?	267	420	273
The policy on informing students that payments are being stopped?	All funding will be stopped where a student has two consecutive full weeks of non-engagement i.e. unauthorised absence		
If not included in the policy, the amount of notice that students are given prior to payments being stopped?	Students are notified as soon as attendance/engagement is confirmed and normally emailed prior to payments being stopped. They would be notified on the week payment was due.		
How many of those who had their bursary stopped for reasons related to attendance/engagement were Care Experienced students?	7	18	2
For those Care Experience Students:			
-What age they were they when payment was stopped? (I would be grateful if you could provide the data in the age categories of 16 and 17. 18-25 and 35+)	16-17 (4) 18-25(3)	16-17 (8) 18-25 (10)	16-17 (1) 18-25 (1)
-If not included in the policy noted above, after how many hours/days of absence/disengagement was the bursary stopped?	n/a		
-The college policy on managing bursary money that is unpaid to students?	Unspent funds are subject to clawback by the Scottish Funding Council		
-Overall, the total amount of money that was withheld from care experienced students for reasons related to attendance/engagement in each academic year?	£7,393	£11,641	£608
- Whether an equality impact assessment has been undertaken by your institution in relation to the bursary policy and withholding/stopping of payments?	No		