

DHD: 0541223

18 December 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:

- Can you provide me with the attendance requirement to receive the Care Experienced Student Bursary?*

The College is not expected to operate a 100% attendance requirement. Bursary awards are made based on students engaging appropriately in their studies.

- Can you provide me with the number of students receiving the Care Experienced Student Bursary each academic year since 05/02/2020?*

Session 2019-20	83
Session 2020-21	129
Session 2021-22	130
Session 2022-23	171
Session 2023-24 (to date)	157

- Can you provide me with the number and percentage of Care Experienced students who have received a qualification each academic year since 05/02/2020?*

Session	Care Exp	Successful (%)		Withdrawn (%)	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2020-21	371	228	61.5	82	22.1
2021-22	391	187	47.8	142	36.3
2022-23	451	246	54.5	148	32.8

- In each academic year since 05/02/2020, can you provide me with the number and percentage of Care Experienced students who have failed to retain their place on their course and therefore are not awarded a qualification?*

Please refer to the table provided in response to question three.

5. *In each academic year since 05/02/2020, what is the number and percentage of Care Experienced students in receipt of the Care Experienced Student Bursary who have applied for additional discretionary funding?*

Session 2019-20 – 83 – 68 applied for discretionary funding – 82%  
Session 2020-21 – 129 – 110 applied for discretionary funding – 85%  
Session 2021-22 – 130 – 49 applied for discretionary funding – 37%  
Session 2022-23 – 171- 20 applied for discretionary funding – 12%  
Session 2023-24 to date – 157 – 4 applied for discretionary funding to date – 3%

6. *In the same period, can you provide what number and what percentage were successful in their application to access discretionary funding?*

Session 2019/20 – 83 – 68 received discretionary funding – 82%  
Session 2020/21 – 129 – 110 received discretionary funding – 85%  
Session 2021/22 – 130 – 48 received discretionary funding – 37%  
Session 2022/23 – 171- 15 received discretionary funding – 9%  
Session 2023/24 to date – 157 – 4 received discretionary funding to date – 3%

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.itspubliknowledge.info/appeal](http://www.itspubliknowledge.info/appeal).

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

Tel: 01334 464610  
Email: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Thank you for your interest in the College.

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Support and Administration Manager**

