

## Report on student numbers, enrolments and associated risks – May 2023

This paper relates directly to two of the key risks – failing to achieve allocated HE student number targets and/or not meeting allocated FE credit targets.

### Student Enrolment Figures

		31/05/23	20/04/22	Total AY enrolment figures				
				2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
FE	Full time (FT)	<b>54</b>	74	72	76	90	94	89
	Part time (PT)	<b>2135</b>	2258	2585	2235	2197	3348	3584
HE	Full time (FT)	<b>139</b>	128	128	163	117	112	117
	Part time (PT)	<b>223</b>	267	273	255	254	278	220

*Shetland UHI enrolments at 31/05/2023 (data extracted from Metis)*

31/05/23	June 22	Total credit figures			
		2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
<b>4187</b>	4153	4383	4337	4276	4572

*Shetland UHI credits at 31/05/2023 (data extracted from Metis)*

Our credit target for AY 2022-23 is 4335, with 4263 of these being for core credits. Based on our current position, we are confident that we will achieve our target for this year, as we still have school partnership and modern apprenticeship activity to record.

The current UHI wide position for FE credits is over 2,000 credits more than our regional SFC funded target and is continuing to demonstrate strong signs of FE credit recovery. This is driven by growth in part time provision, with 45% of UHI credits now attributed to part time delivery.

Our HE target for AY 2022-23 is 105 FTEs for undergraduate taught ‘home’ fee status students. We are confident that we will meet this target. This year we have seen an increase in full time HE students, however we have enrolled a lower number of postgraduate students. HE provision across the partnership is significantly below target, currently at 4,787 FTEs against a target of 5,722 FTEs. This has serious implications for potential clawback and loss of future funding.

In considering the two related risks for this AY, both risks can be considered as green for AY 2022/23.

## **AY 2023/24**

We have agreed our HE target as 140 FTEs for next academic year. This is a more realistic target than this year's target and this should assist us in budget and resource planning.

Our FE credit target is currently being reviewed in the context of the 10% reduction of credit allocation across the partnership. For the coming year, we expect our funding levels to remain consistent in this area, despite changes to credit levels, but we are required to consider how to incorporate reductions in credit levels for the future. A UHI FE Strategy Group is being established to provide strategic partnership wide direction to this process.

We are currently seeing an increase of 31% in our fundable applications compared to this time last year. Fundable applications are also up across the partnership compared to last year. However, given the UHI recruitment position for 2022/23, the small increase in active applications is still well below what is required to reach target.

Early indications locally are quite positive with those courses with earlier application deadlines, such as schools courses, recruiting better than in previous years.