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By email

Dear Dr Farley,

Re Clinical Scientist training places in Scotland

Thank you for your letter dated 15 November 2022. NHS Education for Scotland (NES) is fully supportive of the training of the healthcare science workforce in Scotland and recognises the important contribution which this group makes to the delivery of safe patient care. NES seeks to maximise the education and training available based on the funding received. Funding was increased by Scottish Government and by NES from its corporate efficiency gains to support an additional 22 training opportunities in 2021. However, I am sure you will be aware of the current financial climate in which we operate which undoubtedly brings added pressures. If additional funding was made available we would of course invest further in supporting education and training of this workforce.

We are currently in discussion with key strategic partners to explore innovative approaches whereby we could make a greater impact within the existing funding envelope.

I hope that this provides reassurance that we remain committed to supporting education and training of this part of the NHS workforce.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Reid'.

Karen Reid
Chief Executive, NHS Education for Scotland



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