

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

University of the West of Scotland, Scotland, UK

and

Scottish Social Services Council

Preamble

- 1 This Memorandum of Understanding confirms the intention to establish a co-operative relationship between the University of the West of Scotland and Scottish Social Services Council which will be to the benefit of both institutions. This Partnership reflects the interests of both institutions in developing links, which will widen opportunities and access for students and staff and create enhanced opportunities for both organisations.
- 2 The parties agree and acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to demonstrate the intention of both Partners to strengthen and develop links between the University of the West of Scotland and Scottish Social Services Council and shall have no legal effect.
3. It is the intention of the Parties that this Memorandum will lead to individual collaborative projects and where appropriate these will be governed by separate legally-binding agreements. A full written agreement, signed by the Secretaries (or equivalent) of the University of the West of Scotland and Scottish Social Services Council will be required before any formal collaboration commences.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to set out a framework for the collaborative working relationship between the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) and the University of the West of Scotland in relation to enhancing education and training for Social Service Workers with a vision of creating a confident, competent, valued and skilled social service and professional workforce.
2. The specific objectives of the co-operative relationship to be established by this Memorandum of Understanding between the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) and Scottish Social Services Council will be as follows:

Establishment jointly between UWS and Scottish Social Services Council of a Research and Knowledge Exchange Roadmap, embracing joint research and knowledge exchange activity, as well as education and training programmes for SSSCs social service workforce.
3. The University of the West of Scotland link person will be Prof Thomas Connolly, Director, Scottish Centre for Enabling Technologies and the Scottish Social Services Council link person will be Frances Scott, Workforce Development and Planning Manager. They will be responsible for ensuring effective inter-institutional activity and communication and the progress of the cooperative relationship to the satisfaction of both institutions. A key relationship will be that formed by the link persons of each institution.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding does not preclude joint arrangements with other parties in the UK or overseas.
5. All announcements regarding this MoU, the relationship established herein, and/ or release of any information pertaining hereto shall require the mutual consent of both parties.
6. This MoU does not affect existing statutory functions of the parties or amend any other policies or agreements relating to their activities. It does not imply any transfer of responsibility from one to the other, nor does it imply the sharing of statutory responsibilities.
7. The obligations of both parties as to confidentiality shall come into effect on the signing of this MoU and shall continue in force notwithstanding the termination of this MoU.
8. Both parties recognise that the Data Protection Act 1998 ("1998 Act") applies to the terms of this MoU and will ensure that adequate technical and organisational measures are put in place to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of any personal data in terms of the seventh data protection principle of the 1998 Act.

9. Ownership of any Intellectual Property Rights in and to any data, information, database, programs or products created or produced by the collaborative work will be discussed and agreed upon on a project by project basis.
10. Both Parties are a Scottish public authority in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) and the Data Protection Act 1998 and may be required to disclose information pertaining to the MOU from time to time. In the event of a request for such information both parties will disclose all information submitted by the other except pricing information, including daily and hourly rates and personal data (except where required to do so by the Scottish Information Commissioner). In supplying the other information both parties accept that it is not information within the terms of Section 33 of the FOISA.
11. The Memorandum of Understanding is acknowledged by the parties hereto.

Subscribed on behalf of University
of the West of Scotland

Subscribed on behalf of Scottish
Social Services Council



Principal and Vice-Chancellor



Chief Executive

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