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COMMITTEE: Business Resources and Infrastructure Committee: 09 March 2021

(Paper 1a)

DATE RAISED	ACTION No	ACTION	DUE DATE	OWNER	STATUS*	COMMENTS
16.03.18	4	The Board of Management and the College's Executive Management Team to ensure that SFC and the Scottish Government continue to be kept informed on the impact the contractual PFI payments are having on the fiscal health of the College, until an appropriate and agreed solution is found.	To become a standing item on the agenda.	Board Chair/Principal	In Progress	UPDATE - September 2020: This will remain a constant work in progress and a standing agenda item for future Committee meetings.
04.06.19	16	The Committee to receive future papers setting out the background relationship to HR Strategy, challenges, benefits, and, where appropriate, a cost benefit analysis of Investors in People	March 2021	J McKie	In Progress	UPDATE – September 2020: The first stage of the liP review and reaccreditation process began in November 2019 and was halted due to the COVID-19 lockdown. The process is expected to resume in late 2020 and the Committee will be provided with the requested information at its scheduled meeting in March 2021.
10.03.20	24	Confirmation regarding the points of governance in relation to the undertaking of the Future Skills Training Hub Project be confirmed at the next meeting of the Committee in June 2020.	November 2020	M Breen	Completed	

DATE RAISED	ACTION No	ACTION	DUE DATE	OWNER	STATUS*	COMMENTS
08.09.20	9	Communication to acknowledge and thank the HSW team for their support and hard work during this period of uncertainty to be drafted on behalf of the Board and Board Chair.		Board Chair/Board Secretary	Completed	

^{*} Not Started / In Progress / Completed

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Ayrshire College (Paper 2)

Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee

9 March 2021

Subject: 2020-21 Management Accounts at 31 January 2021

Purpose: The paper provides a summary of the College's financial position

as at 31 January 2021 and outlines the key variances for

members' information.

Recommendation: The Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee

approves the 2020-21 Management Accounts for period ended

31 January 2021.

1 Background

The Budget for AY 2020-21 was approved by the BRIC Committee and the Board on 24 September 2020. This showed a budgeted income and expenditure deficit for the year of £(635,363) with an adverse cashflow impact of £(327,676).

2 Current Situation

This paper summarises the actual position to date for the period ended 31 January 2021. A complete set of the management accounts is included for reference within the background information section of Admin Control.

Actual Position to Date

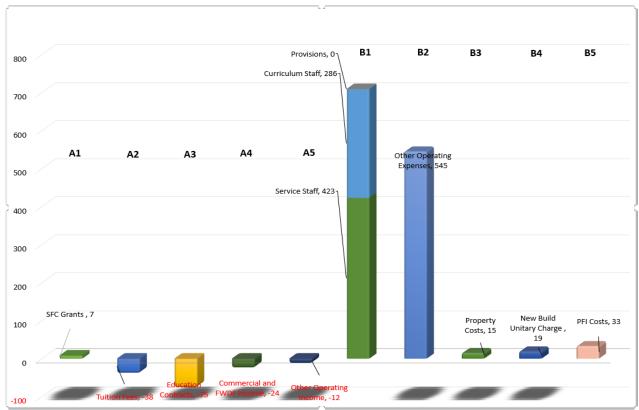
The management accounts for period ended 31 January 2021 show a year to date operating surplus of £1,720,658. When compared to the expected budgeted position for 31 January 2021 this is a favourable variance of £1,180,757. The year to date position, as at 31 January 2021, is set out below in Table 1.

Table 1 – Year to Date, as at 31 January 2021

	2020-21 YTD Budget (£)	2020-21 YTD Actual (£)	2020-21 Variance (£)
Total Income	£24,050,721	£23,908,377	£(142,344)
Total Expenditure	£23,510,820	£22,187,720	£1,323,100
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	£539,901	£1,720,658	£1,189,757
Exceptional Costs	£0	£0	(03,0)
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit) after Exceptional Costs	£539,901	£1,720,658	1,180,757
Net Depreciation	£(1,425,209)	£(1,445,552)	£(20,343)
Capital Income	£1,027,514	£1,027,514	£(3)
Operating Results after Net Depreciation and Capital Income	£142,206	£1,302,617	£1,160,411

Members will note that whilst there is an overall positive variance on the year to date position there are variances within both income and expenditure. The principal variances are shown in Diagram 1 with further information provided in the subsequent text.

<u>Diagram 1 – Principal Variances Year to Date, as at 31 January 2021</u>
(<u>Excluding Exceptional Costs</u>)



The trading variances in the year to date amount to a net £1,180,757. The main variances are as follows:

(A) Income variances (net £(142,344) adverse) mainly being:

- (A1) SFC New Build Funding £7,113 favourable variance.
- (A2) Tuition Fees £(38,012) adverse variance. There is an adverse variance for other HE/FE Tuition Fees of £(66,254). This has been offset by favourable variances in evening class fees, HE FT Fees and FE Tuition Fees.
- (A3) Education Contracts £(75,425) adverse variance. The variance is due to adverse variances in VQ commercial income and Foundation Apprenticeship, totalling £(151,661). These are however offset by favourable variances for SDS MA contracts and HN articulation income.
- (A4) Commercial Income and FWDF £(23,773) adverse variance. This is due
 to £(28,401) of adverse variances in Commercial Gas income and Commercial
 Short Courses, offset by £4,628 of favourable variances in FWDF.
- (A5) Other Operating Income and Interest £(12,247) adverse variance. This is mainly due to adverse variances for Extended Learning Support £(37,521), Catering Income £(91,222) and Interest Income £(3,000). These variances are however offset by an increase in the COVID-19 Job Retention Scheme income of £88,446 and a favourable variance within Trading Income of £34,631 due to budget phasing.

(B) Expenditure variances (net £1,323,100 favourable) mainly being:

- (B1) Salary Costs £710,181 favourable variance. This includes the turnover savings of (£350,000) already assumed in the period.
- (B2) Other Operating Expenses £545,403 favourable variance. Of this variance, £283,470 (52%) relates to Curriculum Expenditure and £163,945 (30%) relates to Admin and Central Services Expenditure. Variances within B2 include savings in Extended Learning Support and Catering which correspond with reductions in income within these areas.
- (B3) Property Costs £14,988 favourable variance. There are favourable variances within waste management and equipment revenue. These favourable variances are however offset by adverse variances within electricity costs, maintenance and washroom supplies.
- (B4/5) NPD & PFI Costs £52,527 favourable variance.

Exceptional Costs

There were no exceptional costs in the period ended 31 January 2021.

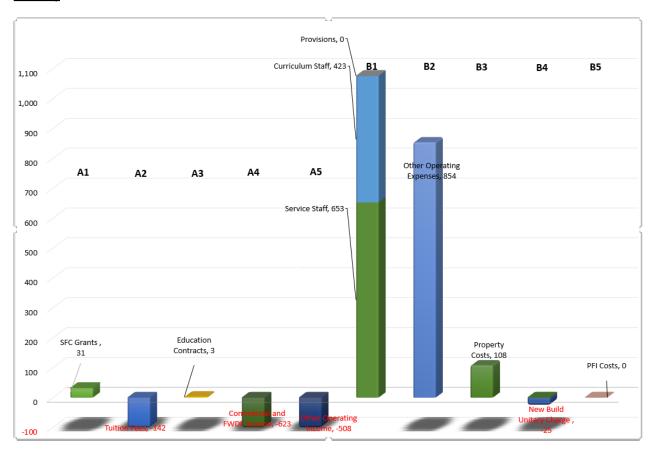
Forecast at 31 January 2021

The management accounts for period ended 31 January 2021 show a full year forecast operating surplus of £117,348. When compared to the annual budget for 2020-21 this is a favourable variance of £752,711. The full year forecast, as at 31 January 2021, is set out in Table 2.

Table 2 - Forecast at January 2020

	2020-21 Annual Budget (£)	2020-21 Forecast (£)	2020-21 Variance (£)
Total Income	£49,132,900	£47,893,375	£(1,239,525)
Total Expenditure	£49,010,260	£46,997,681	£2,012,579
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	£122,640	£895,695	£773,055
Exceptional Costs	£0	£0	£0
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit) after Exceptional Costs	£122,640	£895,695	£773,055
Net Depreciation	£(2,813,027)	£(2,833,371)	£(20,344)
Capital Income	£2,055,024	£2,055,024	£8°.
Operating Results after Net Depreciation and Capital Income	£(635,363)	£117,348	£752,711

<u>Diagram 2 – Principal Variances Forecast, as at 31 January 2020 (Excluding Exceptional Costs)</u>



The main trading variances in the full year forecast as at 31 January 2021 are as follows:

(A) Income variances (net £(1,239,525) adverse) mainly being:

- (A1) SFC New Build Funding £31,042 favourable variance.
- (A2) Tuition Fees £(142,479) adverse variance. This is due to the cancellation
 of a number of evening classes at HN and NC levels.
- (A3) Education Contracts £2,645 favourable variance.
- (A4) Commercial Income and FWDF £(623,060) adverse variance. This is due to income targets not being achieved due to COVID-19. The reductions income are however offset by expenditure savings in these areas.
- (A5) Other Operating Income and Interest £(507,673) adverse variance. This is mainly due to adverse variances for Catering Income £(544,755) Extended Learning Support £(58,236), and other trading income, including salons and restaurants £(50,366). These variances are however offset by a favourable variance in the COVID-19 Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) of £151,685. This variance is due to the CJRS being extended beyond the period budget for.

(B) Expenditure variances (net £2,012,579 favourable) mainly being:

• (B1) Salary Costs - £1,075,927 favourable variance. This includes savings of £422,989 from curriculum staff budgets and savings accruing from posts not been filled in non-curriculum areas of £652,937.

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- (B2) Other Operating Expenses £853,752 favourable variance. Of this variance, £460,925 (54%) relates to savings in commercial and FWDF costs, and £299,726 (35%) relates to savings in catering corresponding with reductions in income within these areas.
- (B3) Property Costs £108,267 favourable variance. The variance is primarily due to maintenance and estates work not required due to COVID-19 and campus closures.
- (B4/5) NPD & PFI Costs £(25,366) adverse variance.

3 Balance Sheet – Executive Summary Commentary

The Management Accounts for period ended 31 January 2021 include the College's balance sheet, as at 31 January 2021. A summary of the balance sheet position compared with the final position disclosed in the 2019-20 statutory accounts is set out below in Table 2. It is also included within the background information folder for this meeting on Admincontrol.

Table 2 – Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2021

	ACTUAL	PRIOR MONTH	M OVEMENT ON MONTH	PRIOR YEAR END	VIOVEMENT FROM PRIOR YEAR	
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FIXED ASSETS						-
Land	4,690,000	4,690,000	0	4,690,000	0	
Freehold Buildings - Ayr	29,869,141	29,966,865	-97,724	30,455,485	-586,344	
Leasehold Buildings	483,226	489,798	-6,572	522,658	-39,432	
Kilwinning	17,773,301	17,815,228	-41,927	18,024,869	-251,568	
Kilmarnock	50,500,136	50,587,880	-87,744	51,026,607	-526,471	
Computer Equipment	1,138,256	1,189,923	-51,667	1,037,584	100,673	
O ther Equipment	666,738	686,647	-19,910	797,310	-130,572	-
	105,120,799	105,426,342	-305,544	106,554,513	-1,433,714	
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stacks	36,713	41,450	-4,737	29,915	6,799	
Trade Debtors	520,394	413,910	106,485	178,343	342,051	
Other Debtors	72,822	131,225	-58,403	74,244	-1,422	
Prepayments and Accrued Income	2,032,427	2,591,248	-558,821	2,317,454	-285,027	
Bank & Cash	8,915,423	5,951,581	2,963,842	3,912,447	5,002,976	-
	11,577,779	9,129,414	2,448,366	6,512,402	5,065,377	
CURRENTLIABILITIES						
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	0	0	0	0	0	
Trade Creditors	-81,915	-588,524	506,608	-163,565	81,649	
Other Creditors	-645,410	-719,323	73,913	-856,704	211,294	
SAAS	-1,285	-316,110	314,825	-17,990	16,705	
SFC Monles	-932,560	-1,013,494	80,934	-208,962	-723,598	-
PAYE/NIC	-620,714	-648,760	28,046	-621,407	693	
VAT	-2.535	-651	-1.884	-11,114	8,579	-
SSF (SFC and SAAS)	-3,082,658	-2,158,092	-924,566	-197,557	-2,885,101	
Accruals	-2,175,808	-2,153,495	-22,314	-1,899,337	-276,472	
	-7,542,886	-7,598,448	55,562	-3,976,635	-3,566,251	
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TOTAL ASSETS	109,155,692	106,957,308	2,198,384	109,090,281	65,411	
Early Retiree Provisions	-1,430,854	-1,438,115	7,261	-1,474,420	43,566	NO.
O ther Provisions	-461,382	-461,382	0	-461,382	0	
PFI Capital Creditor	-4,946,492	-5,211,558	265,067	-5,476,625	530,133	X • ``
NPD Capital Creditor	-42,532,082	-42,645,000	112,919	-43,209,593	677,511	0 1
Deferred Capital Grants	-10,274,487	-10,285,644	11,157	-10,260,482	-14,005	
	-59,645,297	-60,041,701	396,403	-60,882,503	1,237,206	67/V.
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NET ASSETS EX PENS LIABILITY	49,510,395	46,915,608	2,594,787	48,207,778	1,302,6(7)	, ,
Rondon I Ishility	-27,344,000	-27,344,000	0	-27,344,000		Y
Pension Liability NET ASSETS	22,166,395	19,571,608	2,594,787	20,863,778	1302,617	
121 033213	22,100,333	23,372,000	2,334,767	20,003,778	V.	-
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Reserves brought forward	14,761,070	14,761,070	0	14,761,070	100	
Year to date Trading	1,302,617	-1,292,170	2,594,787	0 >	302,617	
	16,063,687	13,468,900	2,594,787	14,761,070 (1,302,617	
Pension Reserve	-27,344,000	-27,344,000	0	-27,344,000	0	
Total I&E Reserves	-11,280,313	-13,875,100	2,594,787	-12,582,930	1,302,617	-
Otor IOC RESERVES	-11,280,313	-13,875,100	2,334,767	-12,362,930	1,302,017	
Restricted Reserves	465,482	465,482	0	465,482	0	
Revaluation Reserve	32,981,226	32,981,226	0	32,981,226	0	

4 Resource Implications

No further resource implications require to be noted in this paper.

5 Consultation

No formal consultation is required to be completed. The Management Accounts have been approved by the College Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and financial monitoring meetings are held monthly with budget holders.

6 Risks

The failure to ensure financial sustainability is a key risk noted in the College's Strategic Risk Register. One of the existing controls in place to manage the risk is that Management Accounts are produced monthly and reviewed by SLT with summaries presented to the Business, Resource and Infrastructure Committee for approval at each meeting.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

An impact assessment is not applicable to this paper given the subject matter.

8 Recommendation

The Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee approves the 2020-21 Management Accounts for period ended 31 January 2021.

Michael Breen Vice Principal, Finance 26 February 2021

(James Thomson, Director of Finance, Student Funding & Estates)

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Ayrshire College (Paper 7)

Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee

9 March 2021

Subject: Human Resource and Staff Learning and Development Report

Purpose: To provide members with an update for the reporting period

October 2020 to January 2021

Recommendation: That members note and take account of the reporting and monitoring

information provided

1 Human Resources Update

1.1 Recruitment and Selection

A total of seven internal adverts and seven external adverts were placed during the reporting period.

Eight internal candidates were appointed to new roles within the College, five of which were to promoted posts. Alongside this sixteen new members of staff commenced employment with the College across a range of posts.

1.2 Sickness Absence

Sickness absence levels for the reporting period are as follows:

Term	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021
Long Term	1.99%	2.25%	2.37%	2.08%
Short Term	0.72%	0.83%	0.60%	0.22%
Total	2.71%	3.08%	2.97%	2.30%
absence				

In comparison, the College sickness absence levels for the same period in 2019/20 were as follows:

Term	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020
Long Term	2.88%	2.99%	3.34%	2.63%
Short Term	2.45%	2.41%	2.05%	2.79%
Total absence	5.33%	5.40%	5.39%	5.42%
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Sickness Absence Reasons

	Octob	per 2020	Novem	ber 2020	Decem	ber 2020	Janua	ary 2021
Absence Reason	Days	Staff	Days	Staff	Days	Staff	Days	Staff
	Lost	Affected	Lost	Affected	Lost	Affected	Lost	Affected
Depression/anxiety/ psychological	107	7	122	8	110	6	92	8
Stress non-work related	82	5	83	6	92	7	70	4
Headache/migraine/ neurological	65	5	67	7	49	4	34	3
Back pain/sprain/ strain/	54	3	65	5	107	7	46	3
musculoskeletal								
Stomach/bowel/ gastric/ intestinal	32	6	32	7	20	4	10	4
Stress Work- Related	16	1	23	2	40	2	21	1
Bereavement Reaction	0	0	0	0	9	1	23	2

The HR Team continue to monitor and review the absence trends and the impact of these on the College during the ongoing pandemic period.

The College's absence trend has again continued to reflect a lower overall absence rate when compared with previous reporting periods. This is most significant when considering short term absence across the autumn and winter periods, where the short term absences reported remained below 1% during the period October and January. It is during these months that short term absences routinely increase in recognition of the prevalence of winter viruses. However, in January 2021 the short term absence rate reported was 0.22% which is significant when compared with 2.79% in January 2020. This can only be reflective of staff predominantly working from home during a second national lockdown resulting in a lower prevalence of winter viruses or more minor ailments that do not impact their ability to work in their home environment.

The number of long-term absence cases during the last quarter has tracked marginally lower than in the same period last year. This indicates that although short term absence has been positively impacted by the working from home period, long term absences have not followed the same trajectory.

It is also of note that a high proportion of the absences reported relate to mental health and wellbeing concerns, which has been recognised as a wider consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. In direct response to this, the College and the wider HROD team have continually identified opportunities to promote wellbeing interventions to ensure staff are being appropriately supported by the College, their line manager and HROD throughout the pandemic.

1.2.1 Covid-19 Reporting Information

During the period November 2020 to January 2021, the College recorded data related to the covid-19 pandemic, which is displayed in the table on the follow page:

Covid-19 Recording	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021
Category			
Self-Isolation	23	7	9
Positive Cases	1	4	4

1.3 <u>Maternity, Paternity and Adoption Leave</u>

During the reporting period October 2020 to January 2021, six members of staff were on maternity leave, with one member of staff accessing paternity leave.

1.4 <u>Employment Relations</u>

In the period October 2020 to January 2021, one disciplinary hearing was held, with a second disciplinary hearing remaining on hold due to a grievance process and long term sickness absence concern. There were also two dignity at work investigations during this period.

1.5 Flexible Working Requests

During the reporting period one member of staff submitted a flexible working request to support their work-life balance, which was approved.

1.6 Employee Counselling – PAM Assist

The quarterly report from PAM Assist for the period November 2020 to January 2021 is attached as Appendix 1.

2 Staff Learning and Development Update

2.1 October 2020 to January 2021 CPD Events

The following information details the range of CPD events that were delivered during the reporting period across the College:

Data Protection Awareness

A total of **20** staff from the HROD team attended a Data Protection Awareness CPD session in October 2020, delivered by the College's Data Protection Officers

GBV Awareness (Equally Safe)

As part of the Equally Safe in Colleges and Universities work, Rape Crisis Sqotland delivered online Gender Based Violence workshops to staff in October 2020. The workshops were primarily targeted at staff in student facing roles (Student Services, Learning Resource Centre, Inclusive Learning, Employability and Engagement) and were attended by **26** staff.

Jisc Discovery Tool information sessions

During October 2020 and December 2020, James Brown, Jisc Account Manager, delivered five sessions for staff to introduce the Digital Capability Discovery Tool and how to use it. **93** staff attended in total.

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Get more from Microsoft Teams

The Digital Integration Team delivered a MS Teams session in December 2020, attended by **19** staff from across the College. The session was also offered out to the wider College network, with **11** colleagues from Borders College also in attendance.

Iris Connect

During November 2020 and January 2021, the Digital Integration team delivered three sessions for staff on using Iris Connect to support reflective practice, attended by **32** staff.

How to access the Blended Learning Consortium

Six sessions were delivered by the Digital Integration team, attended by 39 staff.

2.2. Flexible Workforce Development Fund

This academic year we have utilised the FWDF to support a cohort of 13 Curriculum Managers to achieve the ILM Award in Leadership & Management Level 3 (SCQF level 6). This award is specifically targeted at participants who are in the earlier stages of their management career.

The course will support managers to:

- Understand the different leadership styles and behaviours in the workplace and how these impact on others.
- Have an awareness of their own behaviours through self-assessment and feedback from others, to further develop and adapt their leadership style and approach in line with situational and organisational contexts.
- Know how to identify development needs (self and others) and how to develop self and others to achieve organisational objectives.
- Adopt effective problem-solving techniques in order to inform effective decisionmaking.

2.3 CDN Coaching for the Future Programme

The College Development Network (CDN) in January 2021 launched Coaching for the Future, which is a new management and leadership programme.

The programme has been developed to provide a group coaching opportunity to managers/leaders with three 90 minute group coaching sessions. The sessions will enable those involved to benefit from the knowledge and resources of a wide range of College leaders from across the sector. The cohorts will each be supported by a professional coach, with participants working in groups to identify the most common challenges they are facing and explore ways of working with and overcoming those challenges.

The College is currently supporting nine managers to participate in this programme.

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2.4 Corporate Induction

The Staff Learning and Development team have recently reviewed and refreshed the College's corporate induction framework. The team have subsequently developed a range of new digital induction materials and guides, to replace the previous face to face sessions offered, which are now available on the Staff Learning Portal.

For new staff members, the online corporate induction course has been updated and is now supported by a new 'Working for Us' guide, which brings together the information that was previously covered at the face-to-face induction session. It contains in one place the 'need to know' information that a new staff member working for the College will require, such as key policies, procedures and initiatives.

To ensure line managers receive the required support to induct new staff members, we have created a 'Managing Induction' guide. This is supported by corporate induction checklists for managers to access to help structure an induction programme. These checklists include recommended activities for those all-important first few weeks of a new staff members' employment.

2.5 Hiring Manager Training

The Staff Learning and Development team, supported by the HR team, developed an online Hiring Manager training package, quiz and toolkit. This was rolled out to all managers over the months January and February. The training is built around the existing recruitment process and provides managers with a clear understanding of the College's recruitment model.

The Hiring Manager training has been successfully completed by 89 managers.

2.6 Growing Leaders Framework

The Staff Learning and Development Team, supported by the Digital Integration team have designed, developed and launched an innovative and fully online leadership and management development framework, called the **Growing Leaders Framework**.

The framework has been designed in direct response to manager feedback and delivers essential skills for managers at all levels, from new in role managers, to more established senior managers.

The framework addresses leadership in a holistic manner at the individual, team and organisational levels, and has been developed in full alignment with the PPDR (PDP) process, enabling managers to identify any gaps they have against the core leadership capabilities covered in the framework.

To ensure all managers were aware and fully engaged on how the framework could add value to them, and ultimately their teams, a series of manager engagement sessions were developed and delivered in February 2021. These sessions provided managers with the opportunity to be part of a live demonstration of the framework and resources available. In total, 78 managers attended the sessions, Engagement with the framework and online resources available, will be monitored and evaluated to ensure that the learning environment continues to develop and meet the needs of the managers and leaders across the College.

2.7 <u>Personal and Professional Development Review (PPDR)</u>

The College's PPDR process and paperwork has also been reviewed and updated, to better reflect the current college environment. This has included the development of user guides and online support materials to better assist staff and managers when completing the PPDR process.

The revised paperwork now also includes a distinct section on Personal Development Planning (PDP), which for lecturers and support staff is aligned to the key interpersonal skills required for their job role. For the College Leadership Team (CLT), Curriculum Managers and team leaders, the PDP is fully aligned to the Growing Leaders framework. As part of this, we have incorporated a development needs assessment that all managers and team leaders will complete with their own manager during the PPDR review. This will focus on identified leadership capabilities described under the headings of 'Growing Self, Growing Others & Growing the Organisation', which they will be asked to rate their confidence levels against.

The revised documentation has been shared with line managers in draft format and it is intended that this will be launched in March 2021, with all PPDR's to be completed during the period April to August.

2.8 LinkedIn Learning

During the period October – January 2021, 659 courses were viewed and 2,212 videos completed, with Microsoft Office 365 and digital skills content proving to be the most popular.

The team continued to promote LinkedIn Learning courses and collections to staff to support their CPD, as well as the exclusive digital skills content available to those who complete the Jisc Discovery Tool.

This promotional activity included a special edition of the Staff Learning & Development newsletter, issued to all staff in January 2021, highlighting the benefits of the service and content available, and a LinkedIn Learning Guide, containing hints and tips on how to get the most from the service.

As part of the revised corporate induction process, new staff are now also signposted to LinkedIn learning, including an 'on boarding collection' of resources to help them settle in quickly to their role, with content on topics such as effective communication and working in teams, as well as courses on how to use the online learning platform and set learning goals.

2.9 Mandatory Training

Mandatory training for all staff continues to be a priority for the College to ensure that staff stay up to date with the required annual updates at the point where their training has expired or is due to expire. The tables in Appendix A sets out the departmental breakdown for the 12 month period February 2020 to January 2021, for Support Staff and Curriculum Staff.

Jane McKie
Vice Principal People

(David Davidson, Director HR and Organisational Development)

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Providing Employee Assistance Solutions



(Most recent 3 months) February 2020 March 2020 April 2020

May 2020
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- September 2020
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Employee Assistance Programme Management Information

Ayrshire College

Reporting Period From: February 2020

To: January 2021

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Service Usage Summary

Total number of employees covered by the service: 950

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a.Telephone Counselling / Advice	4		1	5	Face to Face Counselling 1st Session	1
				_	Face to Face Counselling Additional Session	8
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elephone Appt Additional Session	5	8	8	21	Telephone Appt 1st Session	1
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ritical Incident Cases	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Grand Otal		
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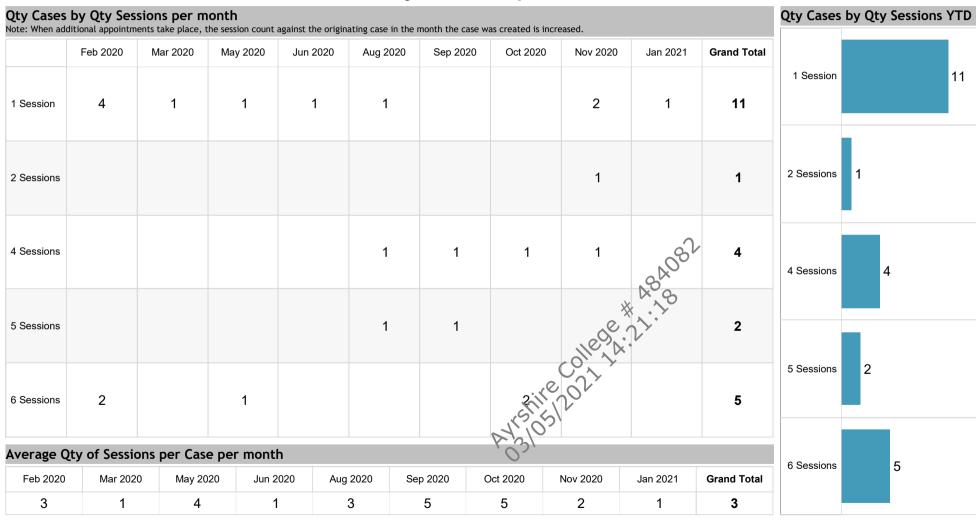
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Service Usage Gender Split

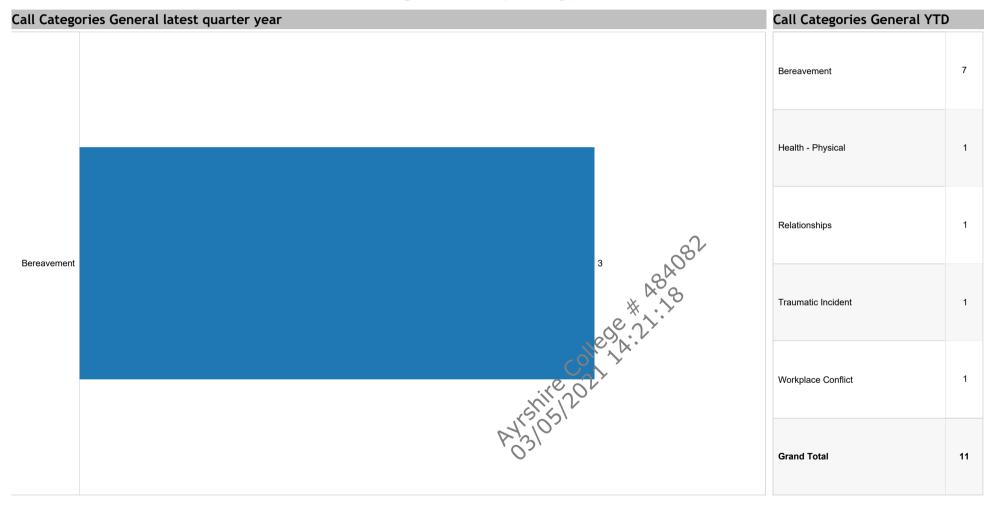
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Call Categories Graph - Type: General

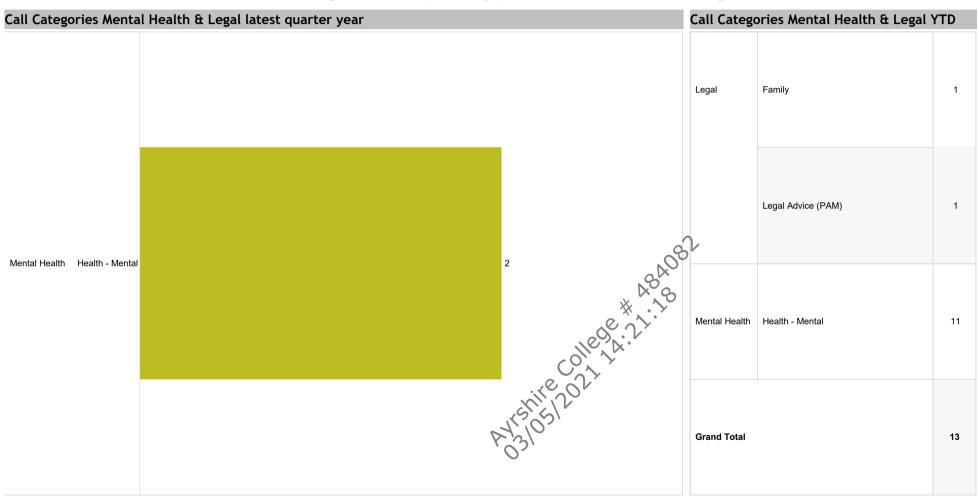


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Call Categories Graph - Type: Mental Health & Legal



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Call Categories - Type: General

Call Categories General late	est quarter year			Call Categories General YTD	
	November 2020	January 2021	Grand Total		
Bereavement 2 1				Bereavement	7
	2	1	3	Health - Physical	1
			Relationships	1	
	2	1	80°.7		1
Grand Total			Prestite College 27	Workplace Conflict	1
			A310	Grand Total	11

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Call Categories - Type: Mental Health & Legal

Call Catego	ories Mental Health & Legal	latest quarter year		Call Catego	ories Mental Health & Legal YTD	
		November 2020	Grand Total			
				Legal	Family	1
Mental Health	Health - Mental	2	2	2087	Legal Advice (PAM)	1
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Grand Total		2	ANSIOS 1201	Grand Total		13

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Call Categories - Red Flag Cases

Call Categories - Red Flag Cases latest quarter year

Call Categories - Red Flag Cases latest quarter year

Call Categories - Red Flag Cases YTD

Call Categories - Red Flag Cases YTD

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Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases

Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases latest quarter year

Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases latest quarter year

Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases YTD

Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases YTD

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Call Day an	nd Time Analysis										
	N	ovember 202	20		January 2021	1	Grand Total				
Service Usage Service Date Weekday	Caller Enq Call Time Group	Call Category	Red Flag Cases Count	Critical Incident Cases Count	Other Cases	Red Flag Cases Count	Critical Incident Cases Count	Other Cases	Red Flag Cases Count	Critical Incident Cases Count	Other Cases
b.Tuesday	d.Midday to 4pm	General			1						1
c.Wednesday	d.Midday to 4pm	Mental Health			1						1
d.Thursday	c.8am to midday	Mental Health			1						1
e.Friday	d.Midday to 4pm	General			1						1
	e.4pm to 8pm	General						1			1

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Appointment Services

Appointme	ent Services												
			November 2020			December 2020			January 2021			Grand Total	
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Telephone Appt 1st Session	EAP SVC Counselling						1			2			3
	EAP Telephone Counselling			1									1
	EAP Telephone or SVC Counselling			1					082				1
Telephone Appt Additional Session	EAP SVC Counselling						2	* \%	8	7			9
	EAP Telephone Counselling			1			6118	S		1			8
	EAP Telephone or SVC Counselling			4		A73/1	15/201						4
Grand Total				7		10,51	9			10			26

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Service Usage by Directorate

Service Usage by Directorate



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Service Usage by Directorate YTD

Service Usage by Directorate YTD



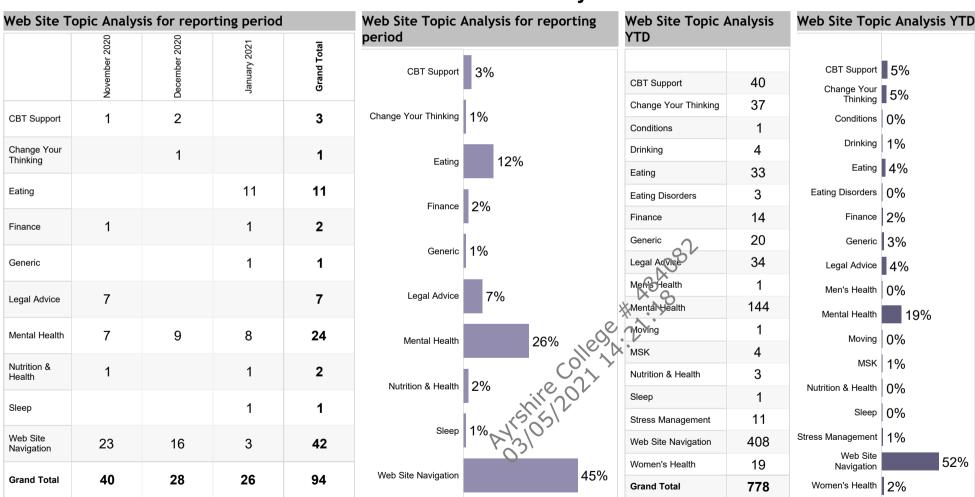
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PAM Assist Web Analysis



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Web Site 7	Topic Detail Analysis YTD													
Web Site Topic	Web Site Topic Detail	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Grand Total
	Total													
CBT Support	CBT Support / CBT Support	13	4	2	2		4		9	3	1	2		40
	Total	13	4	2	2		4		9	3	1	2		40
Change Your Thinking	Change Your Thinking / Anger Management	11							1					12
	Change Your Thinking / Anxiety				1		2		1	2		1		7
	Change Your Thinking / Control Impulsive Behaviour								1					1
	Change Your Thinking / Feeling Overwhelmed By Things	1	1						2					4
	Change Your Thinking / Fostering Positive Thinking	4								1				5
	Change Your Thinking / Low Mood		1						1					2
	Change Your Thinking / Overcome Low Confidence	1						-0.						1
	Change Your Thinking / Relationship Crisis	1	1	1				08	1					4
	Change Your Thinking / Things You Can Do To Feel Happier	1					LX ⁰	8						1
	Total	19	3	1	1 Vishire		~ ×2 · ·	>	7	3		1		37
Conditions	Conditions / Conditions		1			1100	D.							1
	Total		1		0	CO.	>							1
Drinking	Drinking / How Long Does Alcohol Stay in Your Blood?				HILL	201								1
	Drinking / Know Your Limits			6	11,100	2								2
	Drinking / Realising You Have a Problem			Y	03/	1								1
	Total					4								4
Eating	Eating / 5 a Day - What Counts?												1	1
	Eating / 12 Tips to Help You Lose Weight							1		1			1	3

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Eating	Eating / Eating	4	1	2	1			4	1	1			6	20
	Eating / Eating Well On a Budget	1						1					1	3
	Eating / Good Foods to Help Digestion												1	1
	Eating / Healthy Eating Guidelines	2											1	3
	Eating / Healthy Eating on a Budget	1												1
	Eating / What is the Glycaemic Index?							1						1
	Total	8	1	2	1			7	1	2			11	33
Eating Disorders	Eating Disorders / Bodybuilding and Sports Supplements:The Facts		1											1
NSOI GC13	Eating Disorders / Eating Disorders		2											2
	Total		3											3
inance	Finance / A Guide to Entitlements and Grants for Carers							2			1			1
	Finance / Budgeting				1			100						1
	Finance / Finance	3		2	1 2 3 3		No.	g 2					1	10
	Finance / Having a Baby: Before the Birth	1					e % ·	>						1
	Finance / Risk of Losing Job					1100	N.V	1						1
	Total	4		2	3	CO.	>	3			1		1	14
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	Generic / LifeChat How It Works	8	2	3	1,202	\		2	1	1				17
	Generic / Wellbeing confidence Mat			Y	03/								1	1
		10	2	3				2	1	1			1	20
	Total	.0												
egal Advice	Legal Advice / Domestic Violence: Signs	1												1

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egal Advice	Legal Advice / Legal Advice	6					9				4			19
	Legal Advice / Property	1												1
	Legal Advice / Redundancy	1												1
	Legal Advice / Relationships	1												1
	Legal Advice / Work	1					5				2			8
	Total	11					16				7			34
len's Health	Men's Health / Men's Health	1												1
	Total	1												1
lental Health	Mental Health / Advice for Carers: Looking After Yourself										1			1
	Mental Health / Anxiety and COVID-19		1			1	1				1	1		5
	Mental Health / Anxiety: Useful Contacts				1	1		-0.			1			3
	Mental Health / Anxiety: What Sort of Treatment Can I Get?				1	1	1	100	1					5
	Mental Health / Body Image						2 %	8	1					1
	Mental Health / Borderline Personality Disorder						5 0 >.	1						1
	Mental Health / Boredom and COVID-19		1	4		1100	N.V							5
	Mental Health / Boundaries Whilst Working From Home				0	C7>	Y							1
	Mental Health / Burnout		1		MILL	20			1					2
	Mental Health / Coping with Disappointment			1	N'Shire	\			1					2
	Mental Health / Counselling	2		Y	0,2,			1	1					4
	Mental Health / Depression: 10 Things You Can Do								1			1		2
	Mental Health / Depression: Causes and Symptoms								1					1
	Mental Health / Fear and COVID-19			2						1				3

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	Горіс Detail Analysis YTD								0		0	0		
/eb Site opic	Web Site Topic Detail	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Grand Total
ental Health	Mental Health / Food and Mood	4	3	3				1	2					13
	Mental Health / Grieving		1	1										2
	Mental Health / How Can Friends and Relatives Help?											1		1
	Mental Health / How Can I Help Myself?		1						1					2
	Mental Health / How Many People Have OCD?					2								2
	Mental Health / Is Loneliness an Issue?	3												3
	Mental Health / Loneliness and COVID-19			2										2
	Mental Health / Mental Health	7	7	6	3	5	2	9	14	1	4	5	6	69
	Mental Health / Mental Health Problems							1						1
	Mental Health / Relationship Breakdown			1										1
	Mental Health / Relationships			1				٥.	1					2
	Mental Health / Self-help Tips					1	1	108	1					2
	Mental Health / Trauma						× × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × × ×	9	1					1
	Mental Health / What Type of Anxiety Disorders are There?						× ··	>				1		1
	Mental Health / Who is Most Likely to Self-harm?	1				1100	D. V							1
	Mental Health / Why Do People Harm Themselves?					CO.7	>	1						1
	Mental Health / Work-life Balance	2			MIX	20							2	4
	Total	19	15	21	1,200	12	4	15	27	2	7	9	8	144
oving	Moving / Active Travel			Y	03/				1					1
	Total								1					1
SK	MSK / Exercise Effect on Bone	1												1
	MSK / MSK	2	1											3

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Web Site 7	Topic Detail Analysis YTD													
Web Site Topic	Web Site Topic Detail	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020	August 2020	September 2020	October 2020	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	Grand Total
MSK	Total	3	1											4
Nutrition & Health	Nutrition & Health / What Does Intuitive Eating Mean?							1			1		1	3
	Total							1			1		1	3
Sleep	Sleep / Physical Causes of Tiredness												1	1
	Total												1	1
Stress Management	Stress Management / Dealing With Burnout		1											1
aagoo.ii	Stress Management / Finding the Best Work-life Balance		1											1
	Stress Management / Stress Management		6											6
	Stress Management / Tips for Maintaining a Work-life Balance	1	1											2
	Stress Management / Top Stress Busting Tips		1											1
	Total	1	10					2						11
Web Site Navigation	Web Site Navigation	104	36	48	19	23	18	041	44	33	23	16	3	408
g	Total	104	36	48	19	23	18	g 41	44	33	23	16	3	408
Women's Health	Women's Health / Everything You Need to Know About the Menopause	2		1			e %	>						3
	Women's Health / Health Symptoms Women Shouldn't Ignore	1				11ec	D. V							1
	Women's Health / Menopause: The Facts	1		1		CO.>	Y							2
	Women's Health / Periods - Do I Need a Doctor?			1	HILL	201								1
	Women's Health / Women's Health	9		3	11,100	\		041 6 41						12
	Total	13		6	03/									19
Grand Total		206	76	85	31	39	44	69	90	44	40	28	26	778

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Measure of Depression (PHQ9)

Latest quarter year

PHQ9 Results latest quarter year

Bar chart is a weighted measure based on quality of improvement and number of cases Figures include Red Flag & Critical Incident Cases

Proportion of cases per degree of PHQ9 improvement latest quarter vear

Measure of Anxiety (GAD7)

Latest quarter year

GAD7 Results latest quarter year

Bar chart is a weighted measure based on quality of improvement and number of cases Figures include Red Flag & Critical Incident Cases

Proportion of cases per degree of GAD7 improvement latest quarter year

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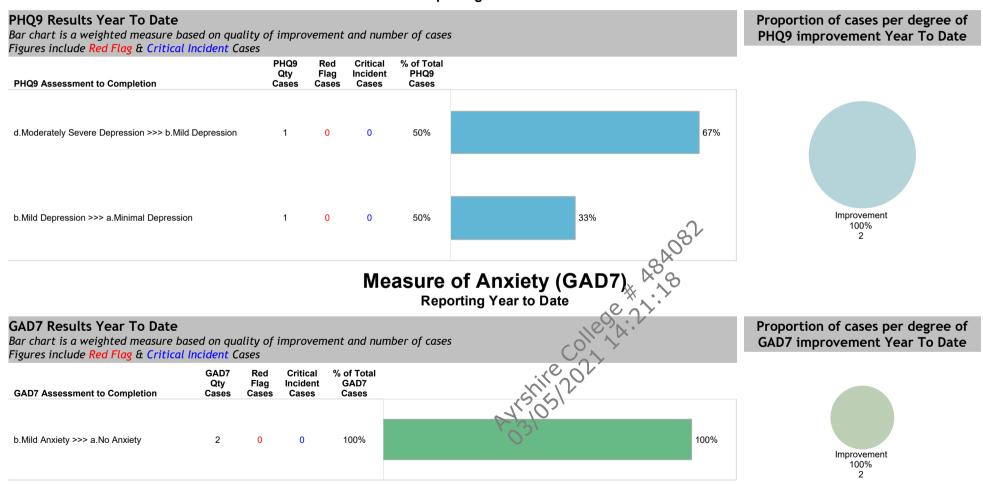
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Measure of Depression (PHQ9)

Reporting Year To Date



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Red Flag Cases Summary

Qty Red Flag Cases Gender Call Categories - Red Flag Cases YTD Call Time - Red Flag Cases YTD Gender

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Critical Incident Cases Summary

Qty Critical Incident Cases Gender **Call Categories - Critical Incident Cases YTD** Call Time - Critical Incident Cases YTD Gender

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Curriculum Staff Mandatory Training Completion (01/02/2020 to 31/01/2021)

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	An Introduction to Working Safely	25	43.1%	48	64.0%	20	54.1%	28	65.1%	28	65.1%	23	69.7%	47	64.4%	27	62.8%	18	30.5%	33	58.9%	15	44.1%	27	75.0%	28	50.9%
<u>e</u>	Copyright Awareness	23	39.7%	49	65.3%	13	35.1%	25	58.1%	23	53.5%	24	72.7%	34	46.6%	14	32.6%	25	42.4%	28	50.0%	15	44.1%	22	61.1%	20	36.4%
npo	Cybersecurity Awareness	40	69.0%	61	81.3%	22	59.5%	33	76.7%	29	67.4%	27	81.8%	54	74.0%	21	48.8%	39	66.1%	33	58.9%	28	82.4%	25	69.4%	23	41.8%
ν̈́ν	Equality & Diversity in the Workplace	28	48.3%	49	65.3%	18	48.6%	29	67.4%	25	58.1%	26	78.8%	49	67.1%	16	37.2%	20	33.9%	33	58.9%	17	50.0%	25	69.4%	22	40.0%
ator	Fire Detection & Response	26	44.8%	40	53.3%	16	43.2%	30	69.8%	28	65.1%	26	78.8%	49	67.1%	19	44.2%	19	32.2%	32	57.1%	14	41.2%	26	72.2%	20	36.4%
pu	GDPR	29	50.0%	41	54.7%	12	32.4%	28	65.1%	19	44.2%	19	57.6%	45	61.6%	15	34.9%	22	37.3%	28	50.0%	18	52.9%	20	55.6%	21	38.2%
Ma	Infection Control	46	79.3%	65	86.7%	24	64.9%	34	79.1%	28	65.1%	27	81.8%	56	76.7%	33	76.7%	49	83.1%	39	69.6%	32	94.1%	27	75.0%	38	69.1%
	Safeguarding the College Community	35	60.3%	47	62.7%	14	37.8%	24	55.8%	23	53.5%	26	78.8%	39	53.4%	20	46.5%	31	52.5%	32	57.1%	22	64.7%	14	38.9%	24	43.6%

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Service Staff Mandatory Training Completion (01/02/2020 to 31/01/2021)

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	Number in the Department		22		21		13	9	8	g	8		14	2	23		14		5
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	An Introduction to Working Safely	11	50.0%	13	61.9%	9	69.2%	48	49.0%	26	26.5%	7	50.0%	6	26.1%	12	85.7%	3	60.0%
nle	Copyright Awareness	8	36.4%	8	38.1%	5	38.5%	38	38.8%	29	29.6%	6	42.9%	13	56.5%	5	35.7%	3	60.0%
Modu	Cybersecurity Awareness	16	72.7%	18	85.7%	7	53.8%	73	74.5%	45	45.9%	11	78.6%	19	82.6%	14	100.0%	3	60.0%
_	Equality & Diversity in the Workplace	10	45.5%	10	47.6%	8	61.5%	45	45.9%	33	33.7%	7	50.0%	6	26.1%	11	78.6%	3	60.0%
ator	Fire Detection & Response	11	50.0%	12	57.1%	8	61.5%	45	45.9%	31	31.6%	7	50.0%	5	21.7%	12	85.7%	3	60.0%
Mandatory	GDPR	11	50.0%	10	47.6%	9	69.2%	22	22.4%	18	18.4%	2 m	50.0%	1	4.3%	9	64.3%	3	60.0%
Σ	Infection Control	20	90.9%	19	90.5%	8	61.5%	74	75.5%	53	54.0%	10	71.4%	19	82.6%	14	100.0%	3	60.0%
	Safeguarding the College Community	8	36.4%	10	47.6%	6	46.2%	58	59.2%	380	38.8%	9	64.3%	8	34.8%	10	71.4%	4	80.0%

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Ayrshire College (Paper 8)

Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee

9 March 2021

Subject: Health, Safety and Wellbeing and Equality and Inclusion Report

Purpose: To provide members with an update for the reporting period

November 2020 to January 2021.

Recommendation: That members note and take account of the reporting and monitoring

information provided

1 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Update

1.1 <u>Mandatory and Online Training</u>

Mandatory training completions during the reporting period:

Course	Completions
Introduction to Working Safely	41
Fire Detection & Response	40
Infection Control	15

A range of health, safety and wellbeing courses were completed on the Staff Learning Portal during the reporting period.

1.2 Accidents and Incidents

There were 11 incidents recorded during the reporting period, detailed as follows:

Campus	Riddor	Minor Injury	No Injury	Near Miss	Total
Ayr	0	4	0	1	5
Kilmarnock	0	3	2	1	6
Kilwinning	0	0	0	0	0
Dean Park	0	0	0	0	0
Irvine	0	0	0	0	0 100
Nethermains	0	0	0	0	0 000
Total	0	7	2	2	11/4

1.3 Fire Safety

No fire evacuations to report during the period.

1.4 <u>Claims</u>

The College currently has one outstanding liability claim.

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1.5 Risk Assessment

The College overarching Covid-19 risk assessment continues to be reviewed fortnightly by the *Campus Operations Steering Group* and is available to all staff. This risk assessment takes account of the guidance from Scottish Government, NHS and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). In addition, individual departments have also undertaken their own local Covid risk assessments, to supplement the overarching document, and are reminded to review this on a regular basis.

1.6 Supporting Academic Year 2020/2021

1.6.1 Campus Operations Steering Group

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing team continue to support the Campus Operations Steering Group and associated workstreams – Learning and Teaching; and Support Staff and Wellbeing.

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager attends the Regional Education meetings on a weekly basis and keeps the College abreast of any public health developments. A process has been created for a member of College Senior Management to be on call over a weekend to support NHS Ayrshire & Arran contact tracing which may involve a positive staff member or student.

The Health, Safety and Wellbeing Manager submits a weekly return to the Scottish Government confirming the number of positive and self-isolating staff and students.

A homeworking Display Screen Equipment (DSE) guidance document is still available to all staff. In excess of 634 initial assessments, and approximately 70 revised assessments, have been reviewed by the HSW team. In addition, 629 actions have been completed and 140 are currently open. The primary focus is now assisting staff and their line managers with completing their actions.

1.6.2 College Development Network (CDN)

The HSW team members have regularly attended CDN Health and Safety meetings throughout the period. These meetings continue to be pivotal for the sector in making the necessary arrangements for reopening College campuses.

1.7 Health and Wellbeing Themes

- HSW 12 days to Christmas health and wellbeing was the theme this year A
 Sway booklet was produced to accompany this campaign which contained
 additional information on health, wellbeing and signposts to support.
- January Fitness Challenge Staff were asked to participate in an activity throughout the month of January, just for fun.
- Work-life Balance sway booklet was shared with staff and students this was to provide information and guidance on work-life balance and how to look after your wellbeing.
- HSW continue to share information and ideas in the Staff Wellbeing Teams page and on the College newsletter.

1.8 <u>Legislative Update</u>

The College continues to adhere to the Scottish Government Covid-19 legislation and guidance.

2 Equality and Inclusion Update

2.1 Mainstreaming Equality 2019-2021 and Equality Outcomes 2021-2025

The Mainstreaming Equality 2019-2021 and Equality Outcomes 2021-2025 report is currently going through College internal governance processes having already been shared with members of the Values, Inclusion, Equality, and Wellbeing (VIEW) Steering Group, Promoting Wellbeing Group (PWG) and the College Leadership Team (CLT).

In summary, the report evidences good progress to mainstream equality across many aspects of College life and the significant steps taken to progress each of the College's previous Equality Outcomes 2017-2021.

To support the development of actions underneath each of the four, new proposed Equality Outcomes 2021-2025, a number of actions have been undertaken including an Ayrshire-wide public consultation between 13 October – 18 November 2020 and ongoing staff and student engagement through for example student focus groups, the Staff Positive About Disability Peer Support Group, the VIEW Steering Group and CLT members. The equality and inclusion monthly e-newsletter 'Equality Matters' also continues to share information regarding these Equality Outcomes. The March and April editions of the e-newsletter will focus on the single-issue of mainstreaming equality and the Equality Outcomes 2021-2025.

2.2 Equally Safe

The College's Construction Trades and Technology curriculum area, with support from the Equality and Inclusion Advisor, launched its 'White Ribbon' status project on 25 November. This was the first day of 16 days of action to support the international campaign to prevent and end violence against women and girls. White Ribbon is a charity set up to encourage more males to not accept, condone or remain silent about violence against women. The first stage of the project has been aimed at raising awareness and as a result a number of students from this curriculum area signed the White Ribbon pledge. Further updates will follow as this work progresses.

The College's Equality and Inclusion Advisor and Fiona Drouet MBE, founder and CEO of *Emily Test*, recorded a Rockpool podcast episode in November to raise awareness of gender based violence. Rockpool Podcast are produced by the College's Music and Sound Production Curriculum team. Rockpool Podcast shows are varied, with features including special guests, interviews, the need or stand-alone episodes and episodes produced by students.

2.3 <u>LGBT History Month</u>

With local partners from the Ayrshire Equalities Partnership (AEP), the College, through Rockpool Podcasts, celebrated and raised awareness of diverse LGBT+ voices by releasing a two-part special podcast as part of LGBT History Month in February. Part 1 includes interviews with Patrick Harvie MSP, co-leader of the Scottish Greens Party, Emily Gomarsall, Womens' Officer at the University of West of Scotland (UWS), Ferhan Khan, Queer Muslim Activist and Jules T Smith, Clothes Designer of Binge Designs. Part 2 features a number of LGBT+ voices, with some contributions from College staff and students speaking about their life experiences as an LGBT+ person.

2.4 Equality Matters e-newsletter

To date, three members of staff have shared their experiences in the Equality Matters e-newsletter. Lucy Shields, HR Advisor, gave insight to living with the long-term health condition Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and reinforced the importance of staff declaring or updating their disability status on the College's HRIS i-Trent system. Steven Fegan, Employability and Engagement Officer, told of his transition from Samaritans caller to volunteer listener and the importance of effective listening. Val Malcolm, Finance Assistant, shared her journey of self-acceptance as a gay woman. Staff response to the e-newsletter has been very positive.

Jane McKie Vice Principal People

(David Davidson, Director HR and Organisational Development)



Ayrshire College (Paper 9)

Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee

9 March 2021

Subject: 2020-21 Student Support Funds Position as at 11 February 2021

Purpose: To update Members on the Student Support Funds position and

projections as at 11 February 2021

Recommendation: Members are asked to note the contents of this paper.

1 Background

The College is responsible for administering student support funds on behalf of the Scottish Funding Council (SFC), the Scottish Government and Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS).

2 Current Situation

The following sections of this paper provide details of the position of each student support fund as at 11 February 2021.

Members should note that while projected expenditure figures are included within this report there are a significant number of variables still to be factored including student retention rates, actual awards still outstanding and 2021 winter start courses.

Financial projections will continue to be refined throughout the year for reporting to both the Strategic Leadership Team and the Business, Resources and Infrastructure Committee.

2 1 SFC Funds Provided for Bursary Support

Total 2020-21 SFC Student Support Funds are £10,607,955. Table 1 below details the bursary support funds provided by SFC for 2020-21 together with projected expenditure figures as at 11 February 2021.

Table 1

		Projected	16.V.
Student Support Fund	Budget	Expenditure	Difference
SFC Bursary	£9,335,000	£7,333,965	£2,091,035
FE Childcare	£517,138	£280,203	£236,935
HE Childcare	£278,459	£110,184	£168,275
FE Discretionary	£477,358	£780,062	£(302,704)
Total	£10,607,955	£8,504,414	£2,103,541

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The above figures are based on the most up to date information on student applicants based on all students continuing with the College. Student Funding will continue to review and revise the numbers to take account of student withdrawals. once these have been confirmed by the curriculum areas. The figures also include initial projections for 2021 winter start courses. These courses have, however, traditionally attracted students who would be EMA eligible rather than eligble for Bursary due to their expected age. Members are asked to note that the figures in Table 1 include the award of £200 paid to all bursary students, approved by SLT by email on 8 February 2021.

The figures set out in Table 1 also include circa £1,900,000 which relates to 255 care experienced students. The College has actively promoted the additional support available to care experienced students and continues to do so. Therefore the level of support and the number of identified care experienced students is expected to increase during AY2020-21.

On 19 February 2021 SFC announced winter COVID-19 discretionary funding for FE student support. This funding is to be allocated to students in immediate need of additional financial support, in particular to support students struggling to pay rent for accommodation and anyone experiencing hardship due to Covid-19 effects. Ayrshire College's share of this funding is £194,485.

In addition, SFC announced that £5,000,000 from the FE in-year redistribution exercise would be allocated to colleges to further meet student hardship needs, including digital poverty. Ayrshire College's share of this additional student support funding is £384,346.

The College's Student Funding is therefore working on proposals for how these two additional funding allocations can be effectively utilised within the timescales and guidance issued by SFC.

Student Funding will continue to monitor student numbers and projected bursary support closely. Any significant changes or anomalies to withdrawals or engagement levels will be reported to members as part of the regular reporting arrangements.

2.2 Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

EMAs are provided by the Scottish Government to support eligible 16 to 18 years old students. The College's allocation for AY2020-21 is £800 000 The O " currently projecting EMA == currently projecting EMA spent of £735,078 at this time. Members are asked to note that this figure includes 2021 winter start courses.

There is no financial risk in this area as actual amounts paid out are reimbursed in full to the College a month in arrears.

2.3 SAAS Funds Provided for Higher Education Discretionary Support

The College is also allocated funding from SAAS for eligible students completing HE programmes. This budget is administered in line with SAAS guidance.

Table 2 below details the HE Discretionary Fund Budget made available by SAAS for 2020-21 together with expenditure as at 11 February 2021.

Table 2

Student Support Fund	Budget	Projected Expenditure	Difference
HE Discretionary Additional	£242,268	£175,250	£67,018
Total	£242,268	£175,250	£67,018

At this stage, the College cannot allocate more than the original budget of £242,268. SAAS however on 12 February announced an additional £4,034,076 of HE discretionary fund for the college sector. Of this, £283,150 has been allocated to Ayrshire College. These additional funds are to be used by 31 March 2021 and any unused funds are to be returned to SAAS by 16 April 2021.

SAAS's guidance states that the funds are to be prioritised to students facing financial difficulties due to accommodation costs and then students facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. The College's Student Funding is therefore working on proposals for how this additional funding can be effectively utilised within the timescales and guidance issued by SAAS.

3 Proposals

No further proposals are noted in this paper.

4 Consultation

No formal consultation is required given the subject of this paper.

5 Resource Implications

No further resource issues require to be noted in this paper.

6 Risks

The disbursement of student support funds and financial monitoring arrangements are key areas of financial risk for the College. In addition, issues arising from the management of the student support funds can impact significantly on the reputation of the College.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

An impact assessment was completed in respect of the 2020-21 Student Funding Policy and Procedures.

8 Conclusion

Members are asked to note the contents of this paper.

Michael Breen Vice Principal, Finance 26 February 2021

(James Thomson – Director of Finance, Student Funding and Estates)

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Total Issues Received

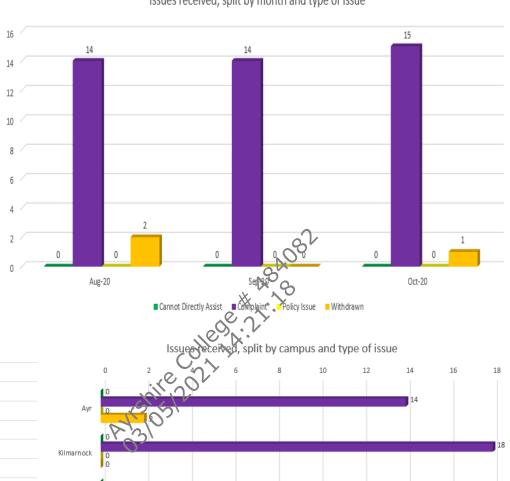
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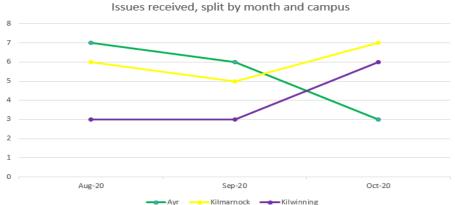
Issues received, split by month and type of issue

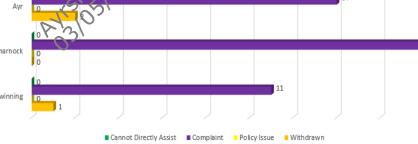
46 issues were received. The chart on the right shows the number of issues received each month, split by the type of issue.

46 complaints were received, 3 of these were withdrawn.

The charts below show the total issues received each month by campus and the total issues received split by campus and type of issue.



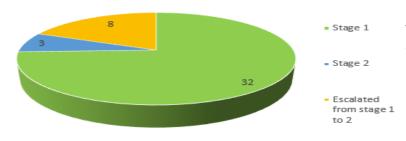




Complaints Received

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Complaints received, split by stage



46 complaints were received, 3 of these were withdrawn.

The chart on the left shows the remaining 43 complaints received, split by stage.

32 out of 43 complaints received were dealt with at stage 1, which equates to 74% of complaints.

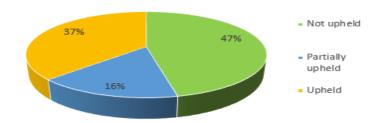
Stage 1 – SPSO set timescale is 5 working days and extended timescale is 10 working days

Stage 2 – SPSO set timescale is 20 working days and extended timescale is 40 working days

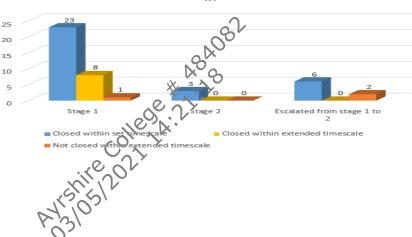
Escalated from stage 1-2 - SPSO set timescale is 20 working days and extended timescale is 40 working days

74% of complaints were closed within the SPSO set timescale.

Complaints received, split by outcome as a percentage



Complaints received, split by stage and timescale closed in



Of the 43 complaints received, 37% of complaints were upheld, with a further 16% partially upheld. This combines to 23 out of 43 complaints.

Complaints Comparison

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	COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE INDICATORS		Q1 0/2021)1 /2020
1.0	Total number of complaints received & complaints received per 100 population				
1.1	Number of complaints Received	43		60	
	College Population and Number of Complaints received per 100 population	8299	0.5	9937	0.6
2.0	Number of complaints closed at each stage and as a % of all complaints closed	0233	0.5	330.	0.0
	Number of complaints closed at Stage 1 and % of total closed	32	74.4%	55	91.7%
	Number of complaints closed at Stage 2 and % of total closed	32	7.0%	1	1.7%
_	Number of complaints closed after Escalation and % of total closed	8	18.6%	4	6.7%
2.4	Open	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
2.4	Number of complaints upheld, partially upheld and not upheld at each stage	Ü	0.076	_	0.0%
3.0	and as a % of complaints closed at that stage				
3.0	Stage 1				
	Number and % of complaints upheld at Stage 1	18	56.2%	37	67.3%
	Number and % of complaints not upheld at Stage 1	14	43.7%	18	32.7%
3.0	Stage2	14	43.7%	10	32.770
	Number and % of complaints upheld at Stage 2	1	33.3%	1	100.0%
	Number and % of complaints upheld at Stage 2 Number and % of complaints not upheld at Stage 2	2	66.7%	0	0.0%
3.0	Recalated		66.7%		0.0%
	Number and % of complaints upheld after Escalation	-	EO 000	-	E0.00/
	Number and % of complaints upheld after Escalation Number and % of complaints not upheld after Escalation	4	50.0%	2	50.0%
3.9/31	Total working days and average time in working days to close complaints at each	4	50.0%		50.0%
4.0	stage				
4.1/4a	Total working days and average time in working days to close complaints at Stage 1	161	5.0	175	3.2
4.2	Total working days and average time in working days to close complaints at Stage 2	13R	18.7	39	39.0
4b	Escalation	273	34.1	56	14.0
	Number and % of complaints closed within set timecales	D			
5.0	(S1=5 workings days; S2=20 working days; Escalated = 20 working days)	19			
5 1/5a	Number and % of Stage 1 complaints closed within 5 working days	V23	71.9%	48	87.3%
	Number and % of Stage 1 complaints not closed with 5 working days	• 9	28.1%	7	12.7%
	Number and % of Stage 2 complaints closed within 20 working days	3	100.0%	0	0.0%
		0	0.0%	1	100.0%
	Number and % of Stage 2 complaints not closed within 20 working days Number and % of Escalated complaints closed within 20 working days	6	75.0%	4	100.0%
	Number and % of Escalated complaints not closed within 20 working days	2	25.0%	o	0.0%
6.0	Number and % of complaints closed at each stage where extensions have been		23.070		0.070
	Number and % of Stage 1 complaints closed within 10 working days (& then ion)	8	88.9%	6	85.7%
	Number and % of Stage 1 complaints not closed within 10 working days (extension)	1	11.1%	1	14.3%
	Number and % of Stage 2 complaints closed within 40 working days (extension)	o	0.0%	1	100.0%
	Number and % of Stage 2 complaints not closed within 40 working days (extension)	o	0.0%	ō	0.0%
	Number and % of Escalated complaints closed within 40 working days (extension)	ö	0.0%	ŏ	0.0%
0.3/ JE	Number and % of Escalated complaints not closed within 40 working days (exension)		0.078		0.076
6 6/6f	extension)	2	100.0%	0	0.0%

- 43 complaints received, a decrease of 28% from Q1 2019/2020. However, if you remove complaints about parking, this is an increase of 13% from Q1 2019/2020.
- 74% of complaints were handled at stage 1 in Q1 2020/2021, compared to 92% for the same period in 2019/2020.
- 74% of complaints were closed within the target timescale, compared to 87% in Q1 2019/2020.
- 93% of complaints were closed within the extended timescale in Q1 2020/2021, compared to 98% closed within the extended timescale in the same period in 4

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Complaints – Sub-category

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The chart below shows the complaints received, split by sub-category and outcome. Noted below are the reasons for complaint in each of the top 5 sub-categories:

Funding/Bursary

- Funding not in place at the start of the academic year and payments placed on hold
- Unhappy with the information requested to assess bursary application
- · Unhappy information continually being requested to assess application
- Cannot speak with Student Funding team
- Not received bursary and submitted information requested
- Unhappy discretionary funding not paid until September and delay in receiving timetable affecting ability to apply for childcare funding

Staff Conduct

- Lack of response to emails/not receiving callbacks
- · No communication from staff
- Lack of support provided
- Attitude and behaviour of staff member, seem uninterested and unsupportive
- · Treatment of students by staff member, allegation of bullying
- · Unhappy with timescales given by lecturer to sit an assessment

Application, Admission, Interview, Enrolment, Induction

- Incorrectly told had a place on a course
- Not offered a place on chosen course
- Did not receive any information about induction or course structure
- No response received following interview

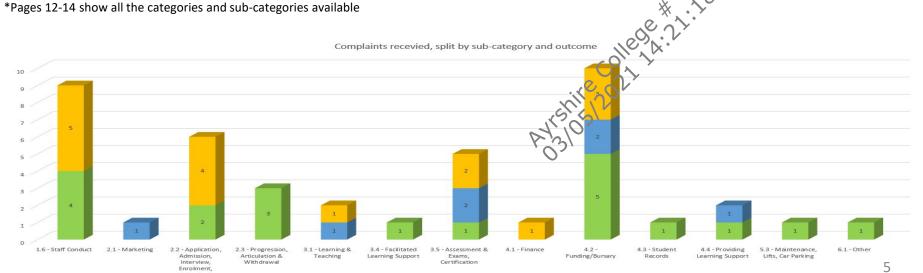
Assessments & Exams, Certification

- Not certificated for the course completed
- · Unable to defer course and complete at a later date
- Portfolio submitted but not assessed and trades test cancelled, affecting pay rise with employer

Progression, Articulation & Withdrawal

Unable to progress as did not complete course due to lack of communication from the College

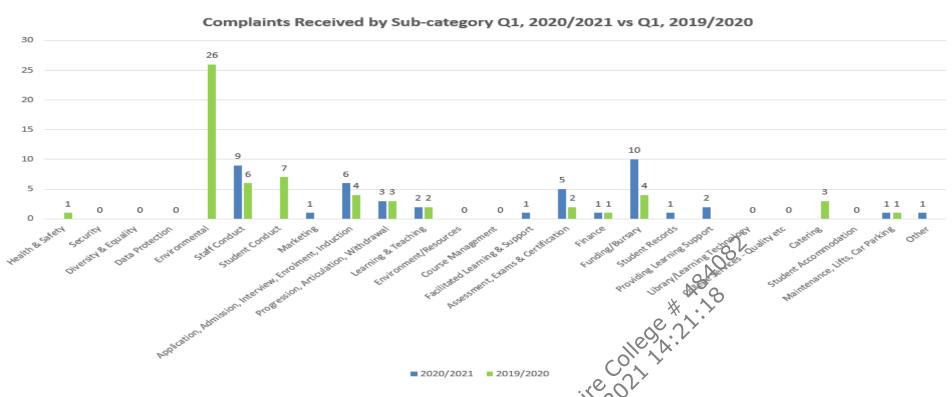
• Not offered a place on chosen progression course



Complaints – Sub-category Comparison

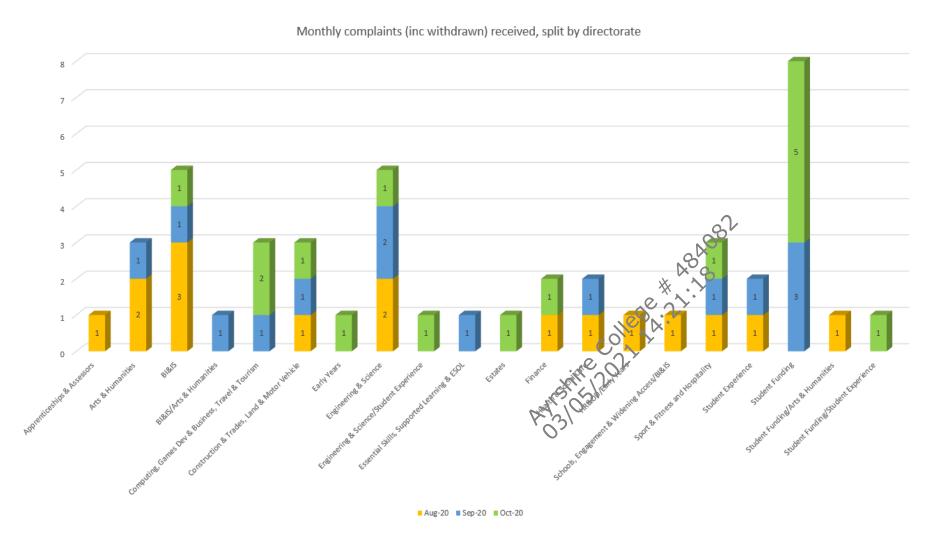
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The chart below shows the complaints received, split by sub-category, compared to complaints received, split by sub-category, in Q1 2019/2020.



- Significant decrease in complaints received in the environmental sub-category from 26 in Q1, 2019/2020 to D in Q1, 2020/2021. This is due to a reduction in complaints about parking from local residents neighbouring the Kilmarnock and Ayr campuses. The campuses were either closed or there were reduced students and staff on campus, due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Increase in complaints received in the funding/bursary sub-category from 4 in Q1, 2019/2020 to 10 in the same period of 2020/2021. This is mainly due to an increase in complaints about funding not being in place or about the information being requested.
- Decrease in complaints received in the student conduct sub-category from 7 in Q1, 2019/2020 to 0 in Q1, 2020/2021. This is due to a reduction in complaints from local residents about students dropping litter/smoking in residential areas and about students behaviours towards other students in class.
- Complaints in the application, admission, interview, enrolment, induction; learning & teaching; finance and maintenance, lifts, car parking sub-categories remain the $6/14^{\text{fame from Q1 2019/2020 to Q1 2020/2021}}$

The chart below shows issues received each month, split by directorate.

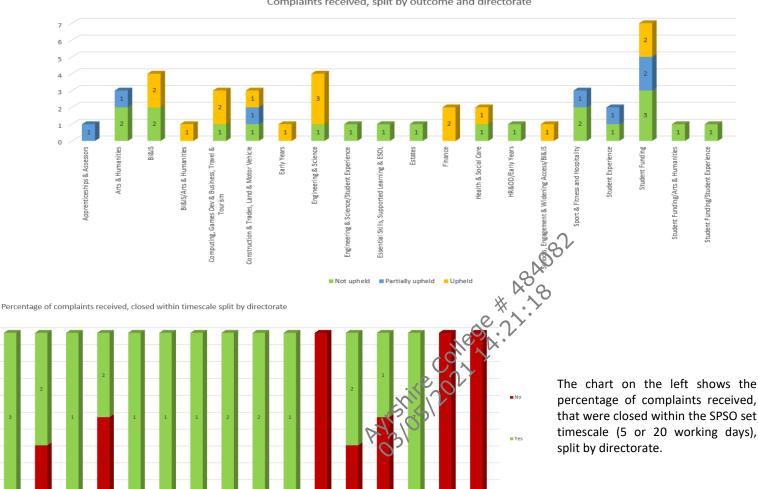


Complaints - Directorate

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Complaints received, split by outcome and directorate

The chart on the right shows the complaints received, split by outcome and directorate.



percentage of complaints received, that were closed within the SPSO set timescale (5 or 20 working days),

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Actions

Complaint Category	Number of actions	Number completed	Number outstanding
1. Customer Care	3	3	0
2. Applications, Admissions & Progression	4	3	1
3. Course Related	4	3	1
4. Services	4	4	0
5. Facilities	1	0	1
6. Others	1	1,8	0
Total	17	×	3

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Service Improvements

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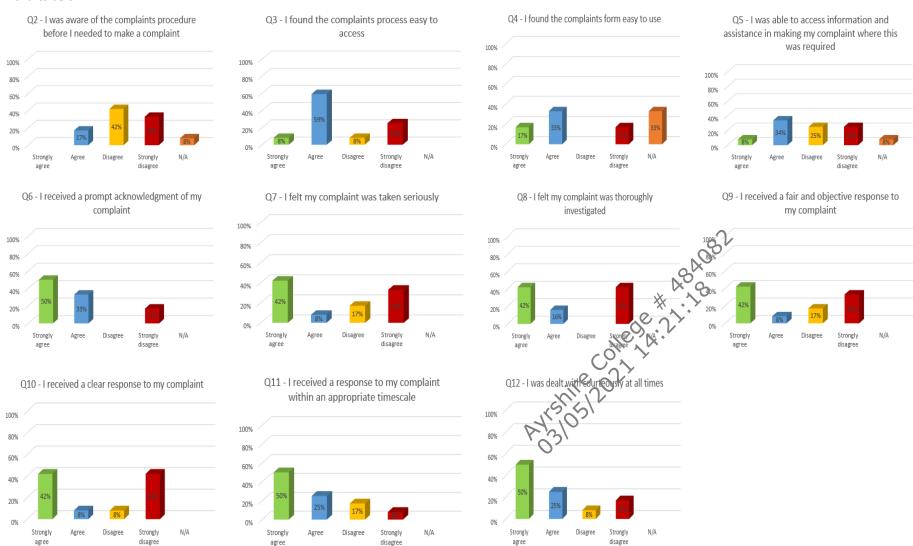
Issue	Actions
Student had not been certificated for the award of PDA Education Support Assistant.	Students in whole class removed from incorrect group award and attached to correct group award and confirmation sent to SQA.
Student unhappy we did not deliver the examples/descriptors for HNC/HND as noted on the website.	Wording on the website updated to ensure it is clear that activities mentioned are examples of what students may have the opportunity to take part in rather than that they will have the opportunity.
Student trying to make a payment for their course and had left messages but could not get a response.	Settings changed on the College mobile phone so always goes to voicemail when staff member unable to answer or on another call.
Candidate unhappy with the recruitment process and the behaviour of staff in the interview.	Staff member was invited to participate in the next round of interviews for the available vacancies.
	Review of the revised interview process on Microsoft Teams to identify any further developments and improvements to improve the candidate experience. HR continue to review this as we maintain a digital interview format. Adverts placed for lecturing vacancies were reviewed to ensure clarity on the
Student unhappy their trades test has been cancelled which is affecting their pay rise. Student submitted their portfolio in March but it had not been assessed.	All new students now provided with one to one sessions with their assessor to describe the requirements of the SVQ. College wide guides and resources created or sourced, particularly around the use of e-portfolio, and distributed to all students.
Students unhappy with the lack of communication from the College about starting their course, did not receive an induction email.	Review the process for sending induction emails to ensure when emails do not match there is a process for the email being sent.
Parent of a student unhappy their bursary had been stopped due to unauthorised absence but this was due to a problem with Microsoft Teams at start of the course.	Communication improved between lecturers and Curriculum Admin to amend registers where communication has come into the department so that registers can be amended to reflect engagement rather than purely physical attendance.
Student unhappy they were told they cannot park at the rear of the Nethermains campus building.	Investigate the possibility of erecting signs at the back of the College building to confirm students should not park there.
Student unhappy as feels online learning not working as the lecturer is struggling with the technology. Also wants to be on campus on more days.	Curriculum area provided with support in the form of a blended learning facilitator who worked with lecturers to enhance the quality of online learning.

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Customer Satisfaction

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A total of 40 surveys have been sent, with 12 responses received, this equates to a 30% response rate. The results from the responses received are shown in the charts below.



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Appendix

The tables below show the College Development Network categories and sub-categories, which we have adopted.

1.0	CUSTOMER CARE	
	Sub-Category	Examples
1.1	Health & Safety	 Alleged misuse of disability car parking spaces Subject to passive smoking in no smoking area Tripping hazards in workshop
1.2	Security	 Theft of personal property Padlock on bicycle locker cut by Estates staff
1.3	Diversity & Equality (Protected Characteristics)	 Failure to make reasonable adjustments under the terms of Equality Act Visitor complains of poor accessibility to toilets and lifts Student not allowed to progress on course due to additional support not being available to support disability Textbook contains racist material
1.4	Data Protection	 E-mail address divulged to other people Staff shared student personal data with others during classroom discussion
1.5	Environmental	 Staff shared student personal data with others during classroom discussion Housing Association complains of students littering outside tenants' properties Neighbour complains of noise from construction work at College Residents complain that students and staff used private car-parking spaces
1.6	Staff Conduct	 Poor customer service Failure to respond to requests by e-mail/phone etc. Requests handled impolitely, discourteously
1.7	Student Conduct	 Student complains that disciplinary procedure was applied unfair. Students damage neighbouring properties

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2.0	APPLICATIONS, ADMISSIONS,	APPLICATIONS, ADMISSIONS, PROGRESSION							
	Sub-Category	Examples							
2.1	Marketing	 Unable to find evening class information on College website Misleading information in College prospectus 							
2.2	Application, Admission, Interview, Enrolment, Induction	 No acknowledgement of application Criteria for rejecting application was unfair Placed on waiting list despite applying quickly No information on College website to inform applicant course was already full and only found out weeks later Applicant travelled long distance for interview only to be told they didn't have the necessary entry requirements Applicant invited to wrong campus for interview 							
2.3	Progression, Articulation & Withdrawal	 Student unhappy that they were not allowed to progress to next level having successfully achieved the previous level Student complains withdrawal process was not followed University not supplied with student reference as requested 							

3.0	COURSE RELATED	
	Sub-Category	Examples
3.1	Learning & Teaching	 Quality of teaching not to the standard expected Teaching from powerpoint for 3 hours without a break Lecturer unapproachable when requiring support
3.2	Environment/Resources	 Classrooms/desks not fit for purpose Wifi unreliable Broken smartboard Workshops too cold Not enough computers for size of class
3.3	Course Management	 Class cancelled at short notice No contingency for staff absence Lecturer arrives late/finishes class early
3.4	Facilitated Learning Support	 Guidance class not held Staff do not provide printed materials in format stipulated in PLSP Staff unaware of changes to PLSP
3.5 3 /1/1	Assessment & Exams, Certification	 Assessments crammed into end of block Student not provided with opportunity for re-sit Delay in providing results/certificates Not receiving certificate due to College failing to attach student to group award Noise disruption during exam

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4.0	SERVICES	
	Sub-Category	Examples
4.1	Finance	 Former student unhappy to be threatened with legal proceedings for unpaid fees Student unhappy not to have course fees refunded after withdrawing from course
4.2	Funding/Bursary	 Delay in processing bursary application Application for hardship fund handled unfairly
4.3	Student Records	Student personnel data is incorrect/not updated
4.4	Provided Learning Support	 Delay in arranging DSA assessment Student unhappy that they could not have the same support worker for every class Student unhappy that additional support requirements have not been put in place
4.5	Library/Learning Technology	 Student complained that library overdue book notification system was unfair Lack of support provided by the College with regards to provision of IT on evening class Library opening hours
4.6	College Services – Quality etc	Delay in handling complaint

5.0	FACILITIES	
	Sub-Category	Examples
5.1	Catering	 Coffee shop frequently runs out of soya milk Choice on offer
5.2	Student Accommodation	Poor wifi service Cleanliness of accommodation
5.3	Maintenance, Lifts, Car Parking	 Lifts out of order College does not provide sufficient car parking space College signage is misleading

6.0	OTHERS	
	Sub-Category	Examples
6.1		No College wide 2 minute silence on Remembrance Day