

University of Glasgow

Academic Standards Committee – Friday 22 March 2019

Matters Arising

Mrs Ruth Cole, Clerk to the Committee

PGT College Annual Monitoring Summaries for 2017-18: College of Arts (ASC/2018/26.1) - Under-Reporting of Disability for PG Students

The following information has been provided by Jane Weir, Deputy Director of Student Services:

1. Do we ask for disability information (like UCAS for UG) in the on-line direct application for PGT?

Disability information has to be kept separate from admissions information for reasons explained below. When or after a place offer is made, then an applicant can be asked to disclose disability information, if they need support.

2. In the case of UCAS applicants who disclose disabilities, does Disability Service use this information to engage with them before they begin their course? If so, what form does this take?

UCAS collect disability information for their own equality monitoring purposes. We do not and cannot receive information from UCAS about disabled students. Admission decisions have to be made 'disability blind' and on merit alone. If disability information was available to us at admission then the University would have to defend itself against claims of disability discrimination if an applicant was refused admission.

3. In cases where disabled UG students go on to become PGT student are their disability records rolled forward, or, do they have to be assessed by Disability Service again for their PGT course?

No, they cannot be rolled over. They need to return to the Disability Service to have an updated needs assessment. If they are already known to the Service this will take less time than when they were an undergraduate.