

From: Member of the public

Dear Panel,

Our concerns on this area are those of the consequences that could occur to the disposable incomes that parents will have to cover maintenance (and depending on the U.K. fees too) shortfalls. We also highlight other areas of concern to our group.

The current Student Finance grant should have been reviewed this year, we understand that's been delayed. Therefore we have no information as to what government have decided to do, other than extend the current scheme for another year.

The government plan has not been published either.

As an outline for those that may not have been around when the current scheme was voted on, and have little knowledge.

Undergraduate.

The old scheme for maintenance was £6000 and a student loan of £7500, this had been the case for many years. It was given on a sliding scale of parental income.

It was insufficient to cover costs for the majority then even on a full grant.

This has not changed in the current scheme in value it is still £7500 and on a sliding scale. Though the scale has changed and if a student studies here or away there is no difference in how much is given, unlike the old scheme.