**Royal Conservatoire of Scotland’s Statement on its Exercise of Functions in support of menstrual\* health (Free Provision) Scotland Act 2021**

The Conservatoire is committed to providing menstrual health products free of charge to all students who need them. A range of products can be accessed in toilets across both our Renfrew Street building and Wallace Studios.

To address environmental concerns about conventional products, and to ensure that students have choice, sustainable solutions in the form of reusable products are also available. Students are also able to place online orders for products, which can be collected on site at a time that suits them.

The provision of free menstrual health products at the Conservatoire has been implemented with input from the Students’ Union, the Wellbeing Forum, Academic and Administration Services, and Estates, who have worked in partnership to deliver the initiative since its introduction in 2018. The Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Forum has engaged with students to ensure student needs and preferences are met and that our provision supports equality, dignity and the rights of those who menstruate.

**About the initiative:**

Free products are available to students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland as part of a Scottish Government-led initiative that has been rolled out across schools, colleges and universities.

Funding was allocated to support the scheme in August 2018 and was aimed at helping to “banish the scourge of period poverty” for all 395,000 pupils and students across Scotland.

You will find a range of free products in toilets across our campuses, along with details of online ordering.

\* ***We are using the term menstruation/ menstrual health instead of period in accordance with recommendations of*** [***the World Health Organisation statement on menstrual health and rights, June 2022***](https://www.who.int/news/item/22-06-2022-who-statement-on-menstrual-health-and-rights)