

GCU's Student Wellbeing Service has student wellbeing advisers for each of the academic schools:

SHLS	Christina Kelly
SCEBE	Meg MacDonald and Jenna Maclean
GSBS	Joanna Radkowska

This will ensure that there is a named point of contact who is known to staff and students within the schools and can easily be reached

Some of the ways Wellbeing Advisers can support staff and students:

Wellbeing Advisers can offer practical and emotional support to students experiencing a wide variety of problems. They can also work closely with staff in different university departments, advising and assisting them to support students with general welfare issues.

General Wellbeing Issues:

- If a student discloses that they are having personal difficulties, the Wellbeing Adviser can act as a point of contact for the student. Staff can direct students to the wellbeing adviser inbox: swa@gcu.ac.uk
- If a member of staff is unsure what to do in relation to a student welfare issue, they can contact the Wellbeing Adviser for general advice by emailing swa@gcu.ac.uk

Proactive Engagement:

- Work with staff in the schools to identify issues arising within that area and seek to develop an early intervention response.
- Promote wellbeing events, workshops and resources.
- Departments can request wellbeing related sessions for students that can be tailored for specific groups/embedded into student timetables.
- The Wellbeing Advisers can also offer sessions for staff to help them to support students, e.g. Carer Awareness sessions. These can be tailored to meet the needs of individual departments.
- The Wellbeing Advisers can share general information between academic schools and the wider wellbeing team to improve communication between these areas.

Equality and Diversity Work:

A significant part of the role focuses on the Equality and Diversity of students. For example, providing support for student carers, trans students and those who have experienced Gender Based Violence:

- Create support plans and ongoing advice and support for student carers.
- Provide a point of contact for transgender, non-binary and gender diverse students and support with processes around updating student records.
- Support students who have experienced gender based violence to access confidential support and advice to access the most appropriate supports.