

# DESIGNATING COLLEGES AS REGIONAL COLLEGE AND ASSIGNING COLLEGES TO REGIONAL STRATEGIC BODIES



## RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM

**Please Note** this form **must** be returned with your response to ensure that we handle your response appropriately.

We are inviting written responses by:

**22 November 2013** (for questions 1 to 3 – section 2 of the consultation paper)

**17 January 2014** (for questions 3 to 8 – section 3 onwards of the consultation paper). The longer timeframe reflects the relatively less straight-forward nature of the questions.

Please send your response with the completed form to

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#### Organisation Name

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### 3. Permissions - I am responding as...

**Individual / Group/Organisation**

**Please tick as**

- (a)** Do you agree to your response being made available to the public (in Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site)?

**Please tick as appropriate**

**Yes**  **No**

- (b)** Where confidentiality is not requested, we will make your responses available to the public on the following basis

**Please tick ONE of the following boxes**

Yes, make my response, name and address all available

**or**

Yes, make my response available, but not my name and address

**or**

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

- (c)** The name and address of your organisation **will be** made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or on the Scottish Government web site).

Are you content for your **response** to be made available?

**Please tick as appropriate**

**Yes**  **No**

- (d)** We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

**Please tick as appropriate**

**Yes**

**No**

## CONSULTATION PAPER QUESTIONS

**Q1. We should welcome comments on Ministers' plans to designate the following incorporated colleges as regional colleges.**

Colleges Scotland is content to support this proposal, which is in line with the published plans for regional colleges to date.

**Q2. Should the colleges in Table 1 be designated as regional colleges in March 2014?**

Yes  No

This is a desirable date to aim for which would be ahead of the allocation for the 2014/15 Financial Year, and allow time for planning towards the Academic Year. However, Colleges Scotland sees the date of designation as less important than ensuring that all the necessary preparations have taken place to ensure that the regional colleges understand and can undertake their new duties effectively.

**Q3. We should welcome comments on whether the matters covered in questions 1 and 2 raise any equalities issues that require to be addressed with respect to age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.**

We are not aware of any equality issues that arise from the designation of the stated incorporated colleges as regional colleges. As part of the move toward populating the boards of the new regional colleges, we believe it is important that colleges be supported in achieving diversity on boards and would welcome the views of the Scottish Government on how it will support the sector in that ambition.

Please note that the deadline for responses 1 to 3 is **22 November 2013**.

If responding separately to questions 1 to 3 and to questions 4 to 14, please ensure that your name, consent details etc. are sent on each occasion.