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Colleges Scotland's comment on courses for students with additional support needs

Shona Struthers, Acting Chief Executive at Colleges Scotland said: "While a portion of this reduction could be attributed to colleges pooling resources and combining courses, the information suggest that colleges' overall activity has fallen in recent years.

"Services for students with additional support needs are delivered in partnership with local authorities and other organisations. In recent years, all partners have had reduced budgets and this has had an impact on provision.

"Colleges work hard to respond to a wide range of government's priorities. In particular, the sector has been predominantly responsive to the issue of youth unemployment. This may have had an impact on other areas of provision.

"The sector will continue to work with the Scottish Government to identify sufficient resource in the future to meet the needs of all learners."

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