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Comment on School-College Partnerships

Andrew Witty, Director of Sector Policy at Colleges Scotland, said:

“Since 2014, as part of Developing the Young Workforce, Scotland’s college sector has made very good progress in increasing engagement with schools. By forging better links with schools we can ensure there is better integration of curriculums, and that pupils are well aware of the many vocational training options available to them through colleges.

“We believe that to continue making progress towards the creation of a world class vocational offer for all learners, which will in turn bring benefit to Scotland’s workforce and the wider economy, we should be moving to a model where colleges act as regional vocational hubs. A hub model would better enable colleges to drive further improvements in delivering simpler, more efficient learner journeys from schools and into employment. Colleges already work closely with schools, local authorities and other local economic agencies, to develop vocational pathways that match regional and national demands and stimulate the interest of young people in career opportunities. Furthermore, if a vocational hub model was rolled out this, would allow for a more consistent approach across the country.”

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