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**Colleges Scotland's Comment on the Ministerial Letter of Guidance**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“We welcome confirmation of the Scottish Government’s commitment to deliver a flat-cash settlement to the college sector for the next academic year. While finances are tight, we believe that we have robust financial monitoring systems and clear accountability to ensure that we deliver value for money. We recognise that the sector has to live within this tight financial settlement and work in partnership with the Scottish Government as well as the private sector and other organisations to deliver courses of the highest possible quality for students. Colleges are committed to ensuring that they work in conjunction with schools, universities, employers and key stakeholders to deliver clear pathways to employment and improved skills.”

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