



COLLEGES CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE - JOHN HENDERSON

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College Performance Indicators 2011-12

Today the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) published the college sector's performance indicators for the academic year 2011-12.

John Henderson, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, commented:

"The report shows colleges continue to deliver improvements in the outcomes for learners. Completion rates are up again this year for both further and higher education students in almost every category.

"80% of those aged 16-24 are completing their course of study. We also see 77% of those from the poorest backgrounds, and 80% of those with disabilities, gaining credits and qualifications.

"A high proportion of people studying in colleges start with no qualifications at all, and achieving this level of success is a significant and life-changing achievement for those individuals.

"Colleges are committed to maintaining these achievements and successfully delivering the reforms now underway."

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Notes to editors:

SFC publishes College Performance Indicators annually for the previous academic year (August-July). The full report for 2011-12 is available on the SFC website:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/statistics/PublishedStatistics/CollegePerformanceIndicators2011-12.aspx>