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Comment on the Support Staff Agreement

Following several weeks of negotiations on pay and leave in the Scottish National Joint Negotiating Committee for Support Staff in colleges, at a meeting in Stirling on Thursday 29 June 2017, a final position was reached between Support Staff unions (UNISON, UNITE, GMB) and Employers' representatives. The proposals will see all Support Staff in colleges receive a flat rate pay rise of £425 with effect from 1 April 2017 plus additional annual leave entitlement, giving an extra five days' holiday for many staff. The package will be put to members of all three unions in July and hopefully final ratification can be reached to allow payments to be made early in the autumn term.

Commenting on the agreement, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of the Colleges Scotland Employers' Association, said:

"A proposed deal for support staff in colleges for 2017/18 was agreed following negotiations over a period of several weeks and we are pleased that the support staff trade unions are recommending that their members accept this. This is a pivotal moment for National Bargaining within the sector and although there is a lot of work still to be done which will require appropriate additional funding considerations, we are committed to making timely progress with the trade unions."

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