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Comment on Labour Market Statistics

Commenting on the labour market statistics published today – showing a record 75.2 per cent rate of employment in Scotland, and a fall in unemployment to 3.9 per cent – a spokesperson for Colleges Scotland, said:

“The contribution of the college sector is crucial in supporting Scotland’s labour market – providing both the quality as well as quantity of skilled workers – and ensuring that students of all ages have the right skills and training to succeed in the workplace. Over 38,000 working age students in colleges are studying as part of their occupation, and over 80 per cent of college leavers go on to positive destinations.

“One of our priorities is ensuring that students are work-ready and able to meet the challenges of the employment market. That means an ongoing commitment to enhancing engagement with employers – which happens across the country with colleges supporting the economic needs of their regions.”

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