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Comment on the SFC Higher Education Students and Qualifiers at Scottish Institutions 2016-17 Report

Shona Struthers, Colleges Scotland's Chief Executive, said:

"We welcome this report and are pleased with the confirmation that colleges continue to offer the most accessible path to learning for Scottish-domiciled students with an increase to 23.2% of all higher education students from the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland studying at colleges.

"A substantial proportion of students continue to start higher education courses in colleges, with entrants to colleges comprising 27.5% of all higher education students. Colleges have a crucial role in identifying, helping, and facilitating alternative pathways for people, and providing students with work-ready skills, upskilling, and retraining as well as qualifications."

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Notes:

A copy of the Scottish Funding Council's report can be found at <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/statistical-publications/statistical-publications-2018/SFCST042018.aspx>