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Comment on the SFC College Staffing Data Report

Commenting on the Scottish Funding Council's College Staffing Data 2016-17 report, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"We welcome the second annual report on college staffing as there are many positives for the college sector. The report confirms that there has been an increase in both overall staff and in full-time equivalent staff within the sector. There has also been an increase in the number of lecturers with a recognised teaching qualification, which is good news for students who are benefitting from their expertise.

"The data also shows that there are more women employed in colleges as well as more staff with a disclosed disability and from black and ethnic minorities. This tells us that colleges are taking their role as equal opportunity employers seriously by providing employment opportunities for people with different protected characteristics who wish to work in the college sector.

"The hard-working staff in colleges are the reason that the sector continues to produce skilled learners, meets the needs of employers, and helps deliver inclusive economic growth in Scotland."

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Notes:

A copy of the report can be found on the Scottish Funding Council website at:

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/reports-publications/SFCST052018.aspx>