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Comment on Sexual Violence and Harassment Toolkit

Commenting on the news that the toolkit developed by Strathclyde University to help colleges and universities tackle sexual harassment and violence has been published, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

“The toolkit developed by Strathclyde University, which has been funded by the Scottish Government, is a welcome addition for the sector. Colleges and Universities are collaborating with the Scottish Government, NUS Scotland and other stakeholders in this vital area, and the Equally Safe in Universities and Colleges Working Group was specifically established to examine ways to further strengthen the protocols in place for effectively dealing with this extremely serious issue.

“There is a strong commitment from all organisations involved to work together to create the safest possible environment for students and staff, free from sexual harassment and abuse. The college sector is playing a crucial role in this area, as it has strong procedures in place to deal with sexual harassment and misconduct, and we will continue to work with partners to focus on prevention, tackling behaviour, including gender-based violence, and examining the most effective ways to continually review and further improve the structures in place.”

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