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**Comment on 15-24 Learner Journey Review**

Commenting on the publication of the Scottish Government's 15-24 Learner Journey Review, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"We welcome the Scottish Government's review on the 15-24 Learner Journey – which also recognises a commitment to learning throughout life – as it is in everyone's interests to establish a simpler and more efficient education system which is focussed on improving the learner journey and experience. Pathways connecting schools, colleges, universities, and employers have been improving, and the recommendations from this review map out ways to further increase the number of people successfully navigating the system.

"We are pleased the review recognises the importance of providing clarity around career information, advice and guidance, through increased collaboration, and are also supportive of the recommendations on providing an enhanced online learner account to act as a one-stop digital shop.

"Colleges are playing a key role in developing skills to meet the needs of individuals and employers, locally, regionally and nationally, but they are also helping many students, including those from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds, move on to universities. The review rightly identifies ways to remove the current unnecessary duplication at SCQF level 7 – which costs students time and taxpayers money without any additional educational benefit – and instead capitalise on the available multi-entry points Scotland's flexible degree system provides.

"Colleges Scotland is Co-Convening the National Articulation Forum with Universities Scotland and we will work together to solidify and make widely available seamless articulation pathways and help learners get in, get on, and get out through a journey which works for them. We look forward to working with the Scottish Government and other partners to implement the review's recommendations and develop them to further strengthen the learner's experience, wherever necessary."

**ENDS**

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