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Comment on the Scottish Funding Council's College Leaver Destinations Report 2016-17

Commenting on the publication of the Scottish Funding Council's College Leaver Destinations 2016-17, Colleges Scotland's Chief Executive, Shona Struthers, said:

"The College Leaver Destinations report has many positives for the sector, which we welcome. It shows that the number of confirmed college leavers progressing into positive destinations – whether that is work, training or further study – has increased to 95%, and, in further good news, there has been a reduction in those becoming unemployed or unavailable for work.

"Going to college is a first choice for many and this report demonstrates that colleges are a valued route into a career as around half of all college leavers move directly into employment with colleges continuing to work closely with employers to provide students with work-ready skills, industry experience and the necessary qualifications to enter the workforce.

"For those students choosing further study or training, 82% are progressing to a higher level of study, proving that colleges are helping people move positively on their journeys.

"Overall, the report shows that outcomes are heading in the right direction and colleges are continuing to provide opportunities for people of all ages across the country who want to learn, gain qualifications and pursue a career."

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Notes:

A copy of the report can be found at <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/statistical-publications/statistical-publications-2018/SFCST072018.aspx>