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**Comment on the In-year Redistribution of Student Support Funds**

Commenting on the In-year Redistribution of Student Support Funds announced by the Scottish Funding Council today, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

“It is good news that the Scottish Funding Council has been able to fully meet colleges’ requests for additional student support funding in 2018-19 and is redistributing £11.7 million across the sector. The Care Experienced bursary which is providing a higher level of support, has been fully funded. It is also a positive development that £400,000 is funding a new, increased bursary rate for Care Experienced higher education students.

“Student support funding is vital in helping many students, particularly from lower socio-economic backgrounds, access high-quality courses that lead to recognised qualifications and allow them to progress towards employment and their future careers. We want to see all students succeed at college, regardless of their personal circumstances or background.”

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