

Comment on Commissioner for Fair Access Annual Report

Commenting on the Commissioner for Fair Access Annual Report 2019, a spokesperson for Colleges Scotland, said:

“We have read with interest the Commissioner’s Annual Report and are pleased to see that the key role that colleges play in widening access has been recognised. For example, we know that the Scottish Funding Council reported that in 2017/18 40% of students from the lowest socio-economic background progress to university through college. Colleges play a fundamental part in helping people, regardless of background or circumstances, to learn new skills, retrain, gain qualifications and progress towards their chosen career.

“We agree with the Commissioner that there are too many students not being given the credit for qualifications already achieved, and we will continue to work with the Scottish Government and universities to ensure that college students across Scotland are given due recognition for prior learning so that they can progress on to university if they wish without any unnecessary repetition.”

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