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Comment on the SFC's Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey

Commenting on the Scottish Funding Council's Student Satisfaction and Engagement Survey 2018-19 published today (Tuesday), Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland, said:

"It is encouraging that the proportion of satisfied college learners who are studying full-time further education courses is at 93%. Given that 81% of students in colleges are studying further education courses, this Scottish Funding Council report clearly signifies that the sector is delivering a first-class experience for its learners.

"A priority for colleges is to provide opportunities for learners to obtain work-ready skills which prepares them for the labour market by collaborating with employers to deliver high-quality industry standard training and qualifications, so it's very welcome that 92% of full-time further education students stated that their course has helped them develop knowledge and skills for the workplace.

"Colleges in Scotland deliver 26% of all higher education in Scotland, so it's also pleasing that 87% of full-time higher education students have expressed satisfaction with their courses. Going to college is a first choice for many people and this report outlines the essential role they have in improving people's lives by preparing them to meet the challenges of the workplace."

Note to editor:

SFC report: <http://www.sfc.ac.uk/publications-statistics/statistical-publications/2019/SFCST092019.aspx>

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