

**Friday 16 January 2016**

**Colleges Scotland's Response to the EIS Statement**

A spokesperson for Colleges Scotland said:

“Colleges Scotland remains committed to working constructively with the EIS towards implementing National Bargaining which is by no means ‘in danger of failing’.

“The pay offer that is currently on the table is reasonable and is in line with public sector pay policy. We would encourage the EIS to continue to work with us to deliver this through our current agreed mechanisms.”

**ENDS**

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**For Background:**

The National Recognition and Procedures Agreement (NRPA) at the heart of National Bargaining was developed with all parties, crucially, that included the EIS. It was done so with full knowledge that it was voluntary. We are continuing to work with those remaining colleges to secure their signatures to that agreement.