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**Colleges Scotland's comment on the Statement of Ambition for Adult Learning in Scotland**

Commenting on the statement, John Henderson, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland said:

“Trends over recent years have seen the total number of adult learners in Scotland's colleges overtaken by younger learners and as such this statement of ambition is a very welcome step in widening access to further education.

“Scotland's colleges have a vital role in providing both young and adult learners with the skills and confidence necessary to harness their full potential. They are the main provider of opportunities for adults wanting to return to education, to retrain or improve their skills and prospects in a flexible learning environment.

The implementation of this vision will help provide more opportunities for learners to access skills and education in later life, which colleges are well-placed to deliver.”

**ENDS**