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Colleges Scotland's Comment on the NUS Bairn Necessities Report

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“We are fully supportive of measures to help and support student parents in our colleges, regardless of sex and background, and many of our colleges already provide a wide range of facilities and financial assistance for childcare costs. Helping parents to gain skills and qualifications is a vital part of the college offer. There are, however, a wide range of issues to consider in this context, such as timetabling, where the provision of childcare is best provided – near to home or in college – and the hours that childcare is funded for and the amount of flexibility there can be in the provision of childcare. While the provision of enhanced facilities on campus is clearly desirable, these do come at a financial cost and we would need to look in more detail at how those costs could be met.”

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