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**Colleges Scotland's comment on *Learning for All: A Measure of Success* publication**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“We are pleased to see that the report recognises the increase in the proportion of full-time equivalent courses delivered to students in colleges from the 20% most deprived areas. This is an example of colleges delivering on government policy priorities such as widening access and reducing inequalities.

“The report also illustrates that the numbers of students articulating from college to university has continued to increase which assists the Scottish Government to achieve its national ambition.”

“The Scottish Government's commitment to a guaranteed education or training place for all 16–19 year olds over the past few year has, as expected, changed the profile of learners towards full-time study.

“Colleges are committed to putting learners on the path to success and play a key role in helping them increase their employability and achieve their individual potential. This provision supplies employers with the skilled workers they need to make their businesses more productive. The college sector is at the heart of a fairer and more inclusive system of further and higher education in Scotland.”

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