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**Comment on the Workforce Development Fund**

Commenting on the announcement of £10 million support for workforce development from the UK Apprenticeship Levy, Shona Struthers, Chief Executive of Colleges Scotland said:

“A new £10 million skills fund from the Apprenticeship Levy will help to transform in-work training across industry and the upskilling of Scotland’s workforce. Colleges already play a vital role in the delivery of work-based skills and ensuring that employers’ needs are met locally and nationally. Our partnerships with industry mean that we understand the needs of employers and can work effectively with them to identify their specific skill requirements and how these can be best met. We look forward to working with the Scottish Government and industry to put this new fund into action.”

**ENDS**

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