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**Comment on the SFC College Staffing Data 2015/16 Report**

Shona Struthers, Chief Executive, Colleges Scotland said:

“This is the first comprehensive study on college staffing since college regionalisation three years ago, and it shows that there are now more permanent staff in colleges as well as more full-time lecturing staff, which is great news for the learners.

The report also highlights that around 60% of all college staff are female which shows that colleges are also addressing gender equality in the workforce. Additionally, we have seen a streamlining of senior managers within the sector.

“It is also encouraging to see that there has been an increase in lecturing staff with formal teaching qualifications, which ensures that there is consistency and quality of delivery, however more progress is still required in this area. The sector is committed to ensuring that the workforce is professional, modern and fit for the future to deliver the best possible experience for students, businesses and the communities they serve.”

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