



FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION			
Meeting:	Curriculum and Student Affairs and Outcome		
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Appendices Attached	College Leaver Destinations 2021 - 22		
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- 1. PURPOSE**
To update CSAO on Scottish Funding Council College Leaver destination data 2021-22.
- 2. BACKGROUND**
Annual report produced by Scottish Funding Council.
- 3. DETAIL**
The report highlights college performance from academic year 2021-22 published by SFC in November 2023 and updated in April 2024.
- 4. BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
Opportunity for CSAO members to review destination of New College Lanarkshire leavers.
- 5. STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**
The Board retains an overview of NCL activity in the interests of good governance.
- 6. RISK**
That the College has insufficient data that may influence the planning of future curriculum and enabling students to progress.
- 7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no financial implications
- 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no legal implications.
- 9. WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS**
There are no workforce implications.
- 10. REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no reputational implications.
- 11. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**
There are no equalities implications.

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

CSAO are asked to note the information contained in this report.
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This paper provides information on the published report of the Scottish Funding Council - College Leaver Destinations 2021-22. [College Leaver Destinations 2021-22 \(sfc.ac.uk\)](https://www.sfc.ac.uk/colleget-leaver-destinations-2021-22)

2. COLLEGE LEAVER DESTINATION PERFORMANCE

2.1 The publication College Leaver Destinations (CLD) 2021-22 reports on the destinations of leavers from full time courses 3-6 months after qualifying. Data collation for this report began in November 2022 and continued to June 2023 with linkage and matching of leavers' destinations to two additional datasets: Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and the Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS); however, this is restricted to 16- to 24-year-olds only due to current legislative limitations. Key national highlights within the report include:

- Decrease in the number of students that feature within the CLD Qualifiers (from 45,570 in 2020-21 to 39,642 in 2021-22). Reasons for this include decrease in number of FE and HE students due to cost-of-living crisis and ongoing pandemic and more school leavers accepting places at university and a buoyant labour market.
- In 2021-22 the known destination of 15,190 Sector Leavers was decrease of 1,463 from the previous session.
- The proportion of Sector Leavers moving to employment post-qualification decreased slightly from 49.3% last year to 48.9%.
- 8.0% of Sector Leavers qualifying at SCQF level 1-6 went on to university and 29% of Sector Leavers from SCQF level 7+ study moved on to university.
- The proportion of unemployment has increased for both SCQF levels 1 -6 and SCQF 7+.

2.2 A summary New College Lanarkshire CLD performance is in Section 3 Tables 1 - 4

2.3 Qualifier destination confirmation rate for New College Lanarkshire decreased from 86.7% to 82.9% in 2021-22. This is 5.7% below the national average.

2.4 The confirmed positive destination for New College Lanarkshire of 94.5% is 0.5% above the national average and a slight increase on positive destinations reported in 2020-21 when the return was 94.3%.

2.5 New College Lanarkshire has well-established progression routes for students to further study which at 74.7% is 2% above the national average.

2.6 Unemployment rate for 2021-22 New College Lanarkshire leavers is 3.1%, which is below the national level of 3.7%.

3. SFC COLLEGE LEAVER DESTINATIONS 2021 -22 FOR LANARKSHIRE COLLEGES

Table 1 - CLD 2021-22 Qualifier Destination Confirmation Rate

CLD Regional Qualifier Destination Confirmation Rate						
COLLEGE		Qualifiers	Destination Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Confirmed Destination Rate (%)	
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▽	3,389	2,811	578	82.9%	▽
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▽	1,102	1,002	100	90.9%	▲
NATIONAL	▽	40,611	35,977	4,634	88.6%	▲

Table 2 - CLD 2021-22 positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (all)

CLD Regional positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (all)									
COLLEGE		Positive		Unavailable for Work		Unemployed		Unconfirmed	
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▽	2,656	78.4%	67	2.0%	88	2.6%	578	17.1%
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▽	966	87.7%	25	2.3%	11	1.0%	100	9.1%
NATIONAL	▽	33,811	83.3%	824	2.0%	1,342	3.3%	4,634	11.4%

Table 3 – CLD 2021-22 positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (confirmed)

CLD Regional positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (confirmed)								
COLLEGE		Positive		Unavailable for Work		Unemployed		
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▲	2,656	94.5%	67	2.4%	88	3.1%	
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▶	966	96.4%	25	2.5%	11	1.1%	
NATIONAL	▽	33,811	94.0%	824	2.3%	1,342	3.7%	

Table 4 - CLD 2021-22 study/work/other/negative (confirmed)

CLD Regional study/work/other/negative (confirmed)										
COLLEGE		Work		Study		Unavailable for Work		Unemployed		
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▲	556	19.8%	▽	2,100	74.7%	67	2.4%	88	3.1%
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▲	283	28.2%	▽	683	68.2%	25	2.5%	11	1.1%
NATIONA	▲	7,666	21.3%	▽	26,145	72.7%	824	2.3%	1,342	3.7%

