



FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION			
Meeting:	Curriculum and Student Affairs and Outcome		
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Appendices Attached	College Leaver Destinations 2022 - 23		
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- PURPOSE**
To update CSAO on Scottish Funding Council College Leaver destination data 2022-23.
- BACKGROUND**
Annual report produced by Scottish Funding Council.
- DETAIL**
The report highlights college performance from academic year 2022-23 published by SFC on 16 April 2025.
- BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES**
Opportunity for CSAO members to review destination of New College Lanarkshire leavers.
- STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**
The Board retains an overview of NCL activity in the interests of good governance.
- RISK**
That the College has insufficient data that may influence the planning of future curriculum and enabling students to progress.
- FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no financial implications
- LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no legal implications.
- WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS**
There are no workforce implications.
- REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**
There are no reputational implications.
- 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 2022-23. [College Leaver Destinations 2022-23 - Scottish Funding Council](#)

2. COLLEGE LEAVER DESTINATION PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 The publication College Leaver Destinations (CLD) 2022-23 reports on the destinations of leavers from full time courses 3-6 months after qualifying. Data collation for this report began in February 2024 and continued to October 2025 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:
- The number of Sector Leavers with a confirmed destination – 14301, was the lowest of the last 8 sessions. This is consistent with statistics on college student numbers as published in the College Statistics publication which has shown a reduction in the numbers of students at college [College Statistics 2023-24 - Scottish Funding Council](#)
 - For 2022-23, destinations for 89.0% of full-time qualifiers was confirmed. Of the 39.2% with known destinations were sector leavers, with the other 60.8% continuing their study at college. Of those that were sector leavers, 86.7% went onto positive destinations. This was a 0.7% increase from 2021-2022.
 - In 2022-23, 86.7% of Sector Leavers found a positive destination, which was up from 86% in 2021-2022.
 - Unemployment and unavailability for work for sector leavers decreased to 13.3% from 14% in 2021-2022.
- 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 increased from 82.9% to 86% in 2022-23. This is 2% above the national average.
- 2.4 The confirmed positive destination for New College Lanarkshire of 95.2% is 0.4% above the national average and a slight increase on positive destinations reported in 2021-22 when the return was 94.5%.
- 2.5 New College Lanarkshire has well-established progression routes for students to further study which at 77.4 % in 2022 -23, is up from 74.7% in 2021 – 22. New College Lanarkshire is 1.6% above the national average for progression to further study.
- 2.6 Unemployment rate for 2022-23 New College Lanarkshire leavers is 3.4%, which is up from 3.1% in 2021 – 23, and is now above the national average of 3.2%.

3. SFC COLLEGE LEAVER DESTINATIONS 2022 -23 FOR LANARKSHIRE COLLEGES

Table 1 - CLD 2022-23 Qualifier Destination Confirmation Rate

CLD Regional Qualifier Destination Confirmation Rate					
COLLEGE	Qualifiers	Destination Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Confirmed Destination Rate (%)	
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▽ 3,397	2,927	470	86%	▽
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▽ 1,111	1,041	70	94%	▲
NATIONAL	▽ 40,999	34,598	4,496	84%	▲

Table 2 - CLD 2022-23 positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (all)

CLD Regional positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (all)									
COLLEGE	Positive			Unavailable for Work		Unemployed		Unconfirmed	
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▽	2,927	86.2%	43	1.3%	104	3.1%	323	9.5%
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▽	983	88.5%	34	3.1%	24	2.2%	70	6.3%
NATIONAL	▽	34,598	84.4%	731	1.8%	1,174	2.9%	4,496	11.0%

Table 3 – CLD 2022-23 positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (confirmed)

CLD Regional positive/other/negative/unconfirmed (confirmed)								
COLLEGE	Positive			Unavailable for Work		Unemployed		
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▲	2,927	95.2%	43	1.4%	104	3.4%	
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▶	983	94.4%	34	3.3%	24	2.3%	
NATIONAL	▽	34,598	94.8%	731	2.0%	1,174	3.2%	

Table 4 - CLD 2022-23 study/work/other/negative (confirmed)

CLD Regional study/work/other/negative (confirmed)										
COLLEGE	Work			Study			Unavailable for Work		Unemployed	
NEW COLLEGE LANARKSHIRE	▲	549	17.9%	▽	2,378	77.4%	43	1.4%	104	3.4%
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COLLEGE	▲	231	22.2%	▽	752	72.2%	34	3.3%	24	2.3%
NATIONAL	▲	6,927	19.0%	▽	27,671	75.8%	731	2.0%	1,174	3.2%