

GLASGOW KELVIN COLLEGE**Board of Management – 8 October 2025****National College Student Outcomes 2023-24****Report by Vice Principal Curriculum and Quality Enhancement****1. Introduction**

On 1st July 2025, the Scottish Funding Council published a statistical report on Student Outcomes across Scotland's Colleges in 2023-24 (accessible only as an online report at: [College Student Outcomes 2023-24 - Scottish Funding Council](#)).

This report highlights key messages from the SFC analysis of 2023-24 student outcomes and how this relates to similar college level data for Glasgow Kelvin College.

2. SFC College Performance Indicators 2023-24

The SFC report provides an overview of national trends in student attainment levels.

The SFC report begins by highlighting recent changes made to the presentation of national student success statistics which focussed on removing early withdrawal data from measures of success. Due to this change and further changes made to the definition of early withdrawal in 2023-24, this has significantly changed the calculation for student success, particularly for full-time students. For example, this new calculation shows full-time student success in 2023-24 as reducing whilst the previous method shows success levels increasing.

Using the new calculation method, the report highlights a reduction in success levels for both full-time Further and Higher Education levels of just under 3pp (for FE courses, a reduction of 2.7pp from 69.8% to 67.1% and for HE courses, a reduction of 2.8pp from 69.7% to 66.9%). However, as noted earlier, this change is due primarily to a change in the calculation method.

Reflecting the fact that the SFC changes in calculation had less impact on part-time modes, success rates for part-time study modes remained almost unchanged with 80.4% of part-time Further Education students completing their course successfully and 81.7% of part-time Higher Education students completing their course successfully in 2023-24.

The SFC information includes a range of helpful comparative tools which the College uses internally to benchmark its success rates both at a College level and with respect to individual subject areas.

In terms of College level comparators, the information shows that the college performs above sector level for full-time Further Education courses but below the sector norm for the other mode and level categories. The tables below highlight this and our relative performance to other colleges within our region. As the national comparative data relates to 2023-24, an indication of Glasgow Kelvin College's performance in 2024-25 is also provided for context, whilst recognising that sector performance will have also changed in the previous academic year.

Full-Time Further Education

College/Region	2023-24 Success (%)
Ayrshire College	67.9
Glasgow Kelvin College	67.8
West College Scotland	67.3
Scotland	67.1
Glasgow Clyde College	60.7
City of Glasgow College	59
New College Lanarkshire	56.3

GKC 2024-25	73.2
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Part-Time Further Education

College/Region	2023-24 Success (%)
Ayrshire College	81
Scotland	80.4
City of Glasgow College	79.8
New College Lanarkshire	77.8
Glasgow Clyde College	
Glasgow Kelvin College	74.8
West College Scotland	65.7

GKC 2024-25	81
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Full-Time Higher Education

College/Region	2023-24 Success (%)
Scotland	66.9
Glasgow Clyde College	66.6
City of Glasgow College	65.2
Ayrshire College	63.3
New College Lanarkshire	62.2
West College Scotland	61.6
Glasgow Kelvin College	59.1

GKC 2024-25	67
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Full-Time Higher Education

College/Region	2023-24 Success (%)
Ayrshire College	89.5
Scotland	81.7
New College Lanarkshire	77.9
City of Glasgow College	76.7
West College Scotland	76
Glasgow Clyde College	75.4
Glasgow Kelvin College	74.6

GKC 2024-25	79.2
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Despite the improvements made in College student outcomes in 2024-25, the SFC national data highlights the significant gap that exists between national and College student outcome levels and continuing to improve student outcome achievement levels therefore remains a priority for College quality enhancement activity.

3. Impact on Students

The SFC report provides information on student outcome levels at both national and College levels.

4. Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

5. Risk and Assurance

This report provides assurance that the College is monitoring national performance data and using this to inform its own quality evaluation and enhancement activity.

6. Equality

National equalities data provided by within the SFC report echoes our College level data, with for example course outcomes of younger students lower than for older students at both a national and College level.

7. Data Protection

There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report

8. Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- i. note the contents of the report; and
- ii. note that the national and college level data sets provided by SFC will be integrated within our College's quality evaluation and enhancement arrangements to drive further improvements.

9. Further Information

Members can obtain additional information on the contents of this report from Robin Ashton, Vice Principal Curriculum and Quality Enhancement.

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