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Lord Morrow has asked:

To ask the Minister for Employment and Learning, pursuant to AQW 27902/11-15, to detail (i) the titles of the courses delivered at the Cookstown campus of South West Regional College which were included in the audit; (ii) any additional funding allocated to the courses; and (iii) the numbers enrolled in each course in each of the last two years.

ANSWER

- (i) As my Department did not hold the specific information relating to the titles of the individual courses provided under the audit, officials sought the information required from South West College (SWC).

As a result of the information provided, my Department has determined that, at the point when the audit was undertaken, SWC was delivering four courses for students with a learning difficulty and/or disability aged 19 or over, not six as previously advised as part of the audit.

These courses were as follows:

- NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)/On Board PLP (Full-time)
- NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF) (Part-time)
- CCEA Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (QCF)/ON Board PLP
- Recreational Cookery/On Board PLP

Whilst SWC did run a further two unaccredited courses during this period, this provision was not primarily delivered for students with a learning difficulty and/or disability aged 19 or over. I apologise for any confusion this may have caused. These two courses were:

- Fabric Crafts
- Recreational IT For Beginners

These two courses were offered as discrete provision in conjunction with the Beacon Centre, and were eligible for supplementary funding from the Department's Additional Support Fund.

My officials instructed SWC to carry out a new audit of provision covering the 2012/13 academic year, in order to provide the Department with a

complete list of provision for students with a learning difficulty and/or disability, across all campuses. This information is attached at Annex A. The information provided is for the entire 2012/13 academic year, and not solely at the point of the audit (April 2013).

- (ii) The Additional Support Fund (ASF) is provided to further education colleges to help them to meet their obligations under the Special Educational Needs and Disability (NI) Order 2005 (SENDO) to provide access to those wishing to avail of FE provision, but who have a learning difficulty or disability. The level of support is determined on an individual basis, based on the needs of the student and not the nature of the disability.

SWC received £250,049 from the Additional Support Fund to help to deliver these classes for the period covered by the audit of provision (2012/13). It is not possible to break this figure down on a campus by campus basis.

- (iii) In 2011/12, SWC has indicated that they provided two courses at the Cookstown Campus for students with a learning difficulty and/or disability aged 19 or over. The course titles and enrolment figures are set out in the table below.

In addition, the table also provides details on the numbers of enrolments on the four courses identified under part (i).

2011/12	No of enrolments
Asdan Entry Level Certificate in Personal and Social Development - Year 1	22
NOCN Entry Level Award In Progression (Entry 3) (QCF)	6
2012/13	
NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)/On Board PLP (Full-time)	7
NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF) (Part-time)	28
CCEA Level 1 Award in Creative Craft (QCF)/ON Board PLP	8
Recreational Cookery/On Board PLP	14

Enrolment information supplied by SWC.



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Minister for Employment and Learning

ANNEX A

**COURSE PROVISION FOR 2012/13 AT SOUTH WEST COLLEGE FOR
STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND/OR DISABILITIES -
AGE 16-19 YEARS AND 20 YEARS AND OVER**

Campus	Title	Level	FT / PT	Aged 16 to 19	Aged 20 and over	Grand Total
Cookstown	On Board PLP NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	Level 1	FT	2	5	7
Cookstown	On Board PLP NOCN Level 1 Certificate In Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP) (QCF)	Level 1	PT		28	28
Cookstown	ON Board PLP CCEA Level 1 Award In Creative Craft (QCF)	Level 1	PT		8	8
Cookstown	NOCN Entry Level Award in Independent Living - Leisure Activities (Entry 3) (QCF)	Entry	PT	1	16	17
Cookstown	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation	Entry	PT	2	2	4
Cookstown	NOCN Entry Level Award in Independent Living - Leisure Activities (Entry 1) (QCF)	Entry	PT	2	5	7
Cookstown	On Board PLP Recreational Cookery	Recreational	PT	1	13	14
Cookstown	Total			8	96	104
Enniskillen	ASDAN Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Development (QCF)	Level 1	PT		13	13
Enniskillen	ASDAN Entry Level Certificate in Personal and Social Development (Entry 1) (QCF)	Entry	PT		8	8

Enniskillen	ASDAN Entry Level Certificate in Personal and Social Development (Entry 1) (QCF)	Entry	PT		7	7
Enniskillen	AQA Level 1 Certificate In Personal And Social Education (QCF) - Year 1	Level 1	FT	4	9	13
Enniskillen	AQA Level 1 Certificate In Personal And Social Education (QCF) - Year 2	Level 1	FT	1	7	8
Enniskillen	AQA Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Education (QCF)	Level 1	PT		10	10
Enniskillen	AQA Level 1 Certificate in Personal and Social Education (QCF)	Level 1	PT		9	9
Enniskillen	Total			5	63	68
Omagh	NOCN Entry Level 3 Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step-UP)	Entry	PT	1	6	7
Omagh	ASDAN Entry Level Certificate In Personal & Social Development - Year 1 (Entry 3)	Entry	PT		8	8
Omagh	OCR Entry Level Certificate in Employability Skills (Entry 3) (QCF) - Year 1	Entry	PT	9		9
Omagh	ASDAN Entry Level Certificate in Personal and Social Development (Entry 1) (QCF) - Year 1	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	NOCN Entry Level Certificate in Independent Living - Looking After Yourself and Your Home (Entry 1) (QCF) - Year 1	Entry	PT	9		9
Omagh	ASDAN Entry Level Diploma In LifeSkills - Year 2 (Entry 3) With NOCN Entry Level Certificate In Independent Living - Looking After Yourself And Your Home (Entry 3) (QCF)	Entry	FT	2	2	4

Omagh	ASDAN Entry Level Diploma In LifeSkills - Year 3 (Entry 3) With NOCN Units in Cookery & Leisure	Entry	FT		3	3
Omagh	OCR Entry Level Award in Life and Living Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	OCR Entry Level Award in Life and Living Skills (Entry 3) (QCF)	Entry	PT	1	3	4
Omagh	OCR Entry Level Diploma in Life and Living Skills (Entry 3) (QCF) - Year 1	Entry	FT	9		9
Omagh	OCR Entry Level Certificate In Personal Life Skills (Entry 3) (QCF) - Year 1	Entry	PT	9		9
Omagh	OCR Level 1 Certificate In Personal Life Skills (QCF) - Year 1	Level 1	PT	9		9
Omagh	Introduction to group and teamwork (Step-UP) Thursday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Introduction to keeping the work area clean tidy and safe in a retail environment (Arvalee Links)	Entry	PT	7		7
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Omagh	Presentation Software (Step-UP) Wednesday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Introduction to Physical Performance Skills (Step-Up) Tuesday	Entry	PT	2	8	10
Omagh	Introduction to Physical Performance Skills (Step-Up) Friday	Entry	PT	1	7	8
Omagh	Assisting at a sport active leisure event (Step-UP) Friday	Entry	PT		3	3

Omagh	Duplicate Assisting at a Sport PR Active Leisure Event (Step-Up) Friday	Entry	PT		3	3
Omagh	Using Mobile IT Devices (Step-Up) Wednesday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Essential Skills Literacy - Full-Time STEP Group	Entry	PT	7		7
Omagh	Essential Skills Literacy - Full-Time STEP Group	Level 1	PT	2		2
Omagh	Improving Own Fitness (Step-UP) Friday	Entry	PT		3	3
Omagh	Duplicate Improving Own Fitness (Step-Up) Friday	Entry	PT		4	4
Omagh	Improving Own Fitness (Step-Up) Tuesday	Entry	PT		10	10
Omagh	Audio and Video Software (Step-UP) Wednesday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Observing and Encouraging Birds (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT		12	12
Omagh	Personal Information Management Software (Step-UP) Wednesday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Introduction to Customer Service Skills (Arvalee Links)	Entry	PT	7		7
Omagh	Introduction to Customer Service Skills (Arvalee Links)	Entry	PT	7		7
Omagh	Hand Care (Step-Up) Monday	Entry	PT		10	10
Omagh	Exploring Music (Independent Living) Thursday	Entry	PT		8	8
Omagh	Personal Awareness (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT		7	7
Omagh	Personal Presentation (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT		10	10
Omagh	Self Advocacy (Independent Living) Thursday	Entry	PT		9	9

Omagh	Using craft activities with children and young people (Step-Up) 1day	Level 1	PT	2	6	8
Omagh	Needle and Textile Craft (Step-Up) 1day	Entry	PT		6	6
Omagh	Looking After Clothes (Step-Up) Tuesday	Entry	PT		6	6
Omagh	Hobbies (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT	2	7	9
Omagh	Managing Social Relationships (Step-Up) Tuesday	Entry	PT		8	8
Omagh	Basic Cooking Techniques (Independent Living) 1day	Entry	PT	2	2	4
Omagh	Basic Cooking Techniques (Independent Living) 1day	Entry	PT		3	3
Omagh	Basic Cooking Techniques (Independent Living) Wednesday	Entry	PT		10	10
Omagh	Basic Cooking Techniques (Independent Living) Thursday	Entry	PT	1	8	9
Omagh	Participation in Team Activities (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT	2	7	9
Omagh	Understanding Relationships (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT		8	8
Omagh	Recognise Trees and Plants and their importance to Wildlife Tuesday (Step-Up)	Entry	PT		12	12
Omagh	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation	Entry	PT	2	2	4
Omagh	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation (Independent Living) 1day	Entry	PT		3	3
Omagh	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation (Independent Living) Wednesday	Entry	PT		8	8
Omagh	Everyday Food and Drink Preparation (Independent Living) Thursday	Entry	PT	1	7	8

Omagh	Computer Games (Independent Living) Tuesday	Entry	PT	2	6	8
Omagh	Understanding Rights and Responsibilities (Independent Living) Thursday	Entry	PT		9	9
Omagh	Total			103	283	386
College				116	442	558
Total						

Information supplied by SWC.