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Dear *Lord Morrow*

Further to my response to Assembly Question 29589/11-15, regarding provision at the Omagh campus of South West College (SWC), I agreed to contact the College and seek details of any plans to replicate this provision across other SWC campuses. The College has now responded and I can advise, as follows:

SWC has informed my Department that the College has reviewed the patterns of recruitment for students with learning difficulties, over the last five years, and worked closely with relevant stakeholders, to gather realistic information on future demand, in order to inform the curriculum planning process.

The College is currently awaiting information from schools and transition officers for those leaving the school system in June 2014, and who may, potentially, apply for the 2014/15 academic year. This information will be used to help review the college curriculum planning process, as necessary, for 2014/15.

I trust this information illustrates that the College is continuing to take all reasonable steps to meet demand and plan for future student intakes.

I appreciate your ongoing interest in this matter and would encourage you to convene with SWC, if you believe areas of unmet demand exist, which the College could cater for.

Yours sincerely,

DR STEPHEN FARRY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning

