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SCAFFOLDER TRAINING AT NCC CENTRES – BUSINESS AS USUAL

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A number of scaffolding training-related rumours linked to the demise of the National Construction College (NCC) have been circulating in recent months, causing a degree of uncertainty in the industry.

In the past few weeks alone contractors have called us saying “all NCC centres have closed”, “NCC is not taking bookings” and “there are no apprenticeship places”. None of these statements are true.

I would like to reassure scaffolding contractors that it is very much business as usual at all five UK NCC centres.

In terms of the broader picture, NCC announced earlier this year that it would withdraw from direct training delivery by 2020. This is still their intention, despite requests from the scaffolding fraternity not to follow this course of action.

NCC will not withdraw from training until suitable alternative provision is in place. In the interim period, all centres are continuing to take bookings and to deliver CISRS training including apprenticeships.

CITB is in discussion with several interested parties looking to take on scaffold training currently delivered at NCC East (Bircham), NCC Scotland (Inchinnan), NCC Midlands (Birmingham), NCC South (Erith) and NCC Waltham Forest (Leytonstone).

Preferred providers have already been identified for the Waltham Forest centre and are looking to be in place January/February 2019.

Information relating to the other facilities is expected from CITB by Summer 2019 with a full handover completed by 2020. As such, no NCC training capacity is expected to be lost.

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For more information please contact enquiries@cisrs.org.uk

Notes to Editors:

The Construction Industry Scaffolders Record Scheme (CISRS) has been the industry recognised scaffold training scheme for over 40 years.



It is the preferred scaffolding qualification of all the major organisations including CSCS, NASC, HSE, Build UK, UNITE and the largest scaffold systems manufacturers.

The scheme, established in the 1960s, has 66,000+ CISRS card holders in the UK & 6,500+ OSTS card holders overseas.

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