**Availability and Accessibility of Accredited Programmes for CLD Practitioners**

In November 2020, the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) provided CLDSC with useful information on the range of ‘live centres’ currently providing CLD qualifications. For SQA information security reasons it is not possible to share details of these centres, however, the table below indicates the number of ‘live centres’ providing specific qualifications. Using ‘Where can you take this course?’ information on the SQA website, which is available for some but not all of the qualifications, it was possible to compare ‘live centres’ with centres approved by the SQA to provide these programmes. This was complemented by CLDSC information relating to historic applications for CLDSC approval. This is shown in the final column of the table below and highlights a significant reduction in provision.

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| **Qualification Title** | **Live**  **centres** | **Approved**  **centres** |
| Professional Development Award TESOL | 0 | Not known |
| Professional Development Award Family Learning | 0 | Not known |
| SVQ in Community Development at SCQF level 8 | 2 | 7 |
| Professional Development Award Tutoring Adult Literacies | 1 | 10 |
| Higher National Certificate Working with Communities | 5 | 11 |
| National Certificate Working with Communities | 4 | 6 |
| National Progression Award Theory and Approaches to Youth Work | 2 | 3 |
| Professional Development Award Youth Work | 6 | 12 |
| Professional Development Award Introduction to Tutoring English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) | 3 | Not known |
| Professional Development Award Supporting Adult Literacies Learning | 5 | Not known |
| SVQ Youth Work Level 3 at SCQF level 6 | 6 | 9 |
| SVQ in Community Development at SCQF level 6 | 1 | Not known |
| SVQ in Community Development at SCQF level 5 | 1 | Not known |
| Award in Volunteering Skills SCQF level 5 | 26 | N/A |
| SVQ Youth Work level 2 @ SCQF level 5 | 3 | Not known |

Looking at the geographical spread of live centres in the information provided by the SQA, it can be concluded that the bulk of programmes currently delivered are only available in the Central Belt\*. Only 6 of the 14 applicable qualifications listed above, are available outside of the Central Belt and in the case of each qualification there is only one provider. Specifically:

National Progression Award Theory and Approaches to Youth Work

Professional Development Award Youth Work

Professional Development Award Introduction to Tutoring TESOL

Professional Development Award Supporting Adult Literacies Learning

SVQ Youth Work Level 3 at SCQF level 6

SVQ Youth Work level 2 @ SCQF level 5

\*For the purposes of the report north of the Central Belt includes providers in Dundee and north of Dundee. South of the Central Belt includes Dumfries & Galloway and the Borders Council areas.