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Dear Andy

RE: Coronavirus – Future of the Crown Office Network: Formal proposal for a six month moratorium

Thank you for your letter dated 24th March and the sentiments expressed within it. Nick has asked me to respond to you.

You will have undoubtedly noticed that there have been no new franchising announcements in the DMB network since the end of February.

The GE and I have already been discussing the very issues raised in your letter and I can confirm to you that there will be no new franchising announcements for the next 3 months. We will continue to review this and will keep you apprised of all plans.

The 10 branches referenced which are currently in the process of being franchised are at different stages right now so I don't think that one size fits all here. 3 of the Branches currently have had no date of transfer confirmed (Great Portland St, Stockport, North Walsham) so therefore we will not announce the transfer of these branches for 3 months.

The other 7 branches (Diss, Dorking, Haverhill, Abergavenny, Keynsham, New Malden, Frederick St) all have transfer dates confirmed and staff have had their final Settlement Agreements so we are continuing to work towards these transfer dates.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy Marshall".

Tracy Marshall

Network Development Director