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For the Immediate Attention of All:

Postal Branches
Parcelforce Regional Organisers
Parcelforce Representatives

Dear Colleagues

**JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN PARCELFORCE WORLDWIDE AND THE CWU ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COVID TEST CONTRACT AWARD**

Branches and representatives are advised that Parcelforce has secured a 1 year sole carrier contract with the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) to supply and distribute Covid-19 testing kits as part of the UK Government's "Moonshot" project, as well as vital PPE.

Discussions have therefore taken place with the business to conclude a Joint Statement in relation to the activity. A copy of the Joint Statement which has been endorsed by the Postal Executive is attached for information.

In summary the Joint Statement confirms that the test kit contract is to handle outbound "15 minute" test kits which are destroyed by the recipient after use. Therefore used test kits will not be handled within the PFW network.

All traffic will be Business to Business with deliveries to universities, schools, supermarkets and care homes with an average consignment size of 2.5 parcels.

The business is currently working to integrate their systems with Wincanton, who the kits will be collected from. It is currently anticipated that the earliest commencement of collections from Wincanton will be Monday 14th December.

Any enquiries in relation to this LTB should be addressed to Davie Robertson, Assistant Secretary, email: dwyatt@cwu.org quoting reference: 014.14.

Yours sincerely

Davie Robertson
Assistant Secretary