

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

Introduction

Parcelforce Worldwide and the CWU have been and continue to work together to respond to the challenges faced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Both parties are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of every employee/member within Parcelforce during what is clearly an unprecedented period, whilst also continuing to provide a vital service to the customers we serve and helping to keep the country connected.

Background

All colleagues in Parcelforce Worldwide have already played a major part in supporting the UK in extremely difficult times by delivering vital supplies and health care products to the general public, as well as assisting small and large businesses to continue trading during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Parcelforce Worldwide 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.

The test kit contract is to handle outbound "15 minute" test kits which are destroyed by the recipient after use, as such colleagues are reassured that they will not be handling any used test kits within the PFW network.

We are delighted to be supporting this significant step forward in testing capabilities for the UK, which we are sure will help to contribute to the reduction in rates of infection for Covid-19.

Scope

The DHSC will be utilising the Express 24 contract as their main service but also have Express 10, Express AM & Express 48 services to distribute 16 million test kits, as part of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

Wincanton in Doncaster are the warehouse provider for DHSC and an estimated 4 trailers per day will be collected 7 days a week. Monday to Friday work will be segregated to go to CVNH, NWPC and SEPC. At the weekend all traffic will be processed through CVNH.

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 start date for the contract is dependent on integration with the Wincanton IT solution and the PFW Customer Solutions team are providing all necessary support. It is currently anticipated that the earliest commencement of collections from Wincanton will be Monday, 14th December.

As more information becomes available this will be shared with you but in the meantime we would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication in what have been extremely difficult circumstances.



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