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**For the Immediate Attention of All:**

Postal Branches  
Divisional Representatives  
Area Processing Representatives  
RDC Representatives

**JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN ROYAL MAIL AND THE CWU  
REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO AGREED TRIAL AND DEPLOYMENT PROCESSES AND  
PRINCIPLES IN MAIL CENTRES AND RDC'S**

Branches and representatives will be aware that the following commitment is given in Section 16.2 Processing (Mail Centres & RDCs) of the Guiding Principles of Employment Security and Mutual Interest Approach to Future Challenges and Opportunities agreement:

*Building on the robust processes established through the Trial Coordination Working Group, Royal Mail and the CWU will continue to support and trial and where agreed deploy new initiatives, method improvements and new equipment supported by appropriate Terms of Reference. The timely progression of these initiatives will continue to be supported by the Trials Joint Working Group. Both parties also commit to a review of the status of recent and current agreed trial activity with the Processing and Logistics (RDC) functions to ensure that they progress towards agreed milestones and that the next steps are supported and addressed through governance at the Joint National Processing & Logistics Group Meetings.*

Following discussions with the business a Joint Statement has been concluded to progress the above activity, a copy of which is attached for your information.

Colleagues will note that the attached Joint Statement builds on the previously agreed processes in relation to the Joint Trial Coordination Working Group activity and provides clear, joined up guidance in regard to the progression of trial and deployment activity.

The department believes that the attached Joint Statement will be welcomed by representatives and provide them with additional reassurance that all such activity should be agreed and jointly undertaken.

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Yours sincerely

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