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Royal Mail Delivery Office Recruits – New Starters Interim Weatherproof Protective Coat/Jacket Trial:

To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

Further to LTB No. 445/2018, dated 6 August 2018, this is an update to Branches, Regional Health and Safety Forums and Area Health and Safety Reps.

The new starter jackets are due to arrive towards the end of this week/early next week and they will be dispatched to the trial sites (see list below) once they have been through quality control at Dimensions.

The garment trial is for 12 weeks and will be looking at the waterproof, breathability and longevity qualities of the garment.

An agreed feedback form will be dispatched near the end of the trial and ASRs are requested to monitor the trial and ensure those participating complete and return the feedback forms.

List of final Trial Delivery Offices:-

- Barnstable DO
- Barvas SPDO
- Bognor DO
- Dundee East DO x 3
- Dungannon DO x 3
- Exeter DO x 2
- Forres DO
- Gosport DO x 2
- Newport (IOW) x 2
- Portsmouth MPU x 4
- Isle of Raasay SPDO
- Stornaway DO
- West London DC x 3

The current Stormproof/Weatherproof Coat is part of the RMG PPE Matrix. Should the 'interim' coat be retained post trial, it will be included in the PPE Matrix review and update which the Health, Safety and Environment Department will be undertaking with the RMG SHE team at the appropriate time, taking account of the trial outcome in consultation with the Postal

Department. LTB720/15, dated 16 November 2015, entitled 'Royal Mail Group/CWU Joint Statement and New Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Safety Standard' refers.

Yours sincerely



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