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COLLEAGUE CATERING

Dear Colleagues

The NJC trade union side has flagged up a number of concerns regarding colleague catering. As we know, catering is a very important issue for our members.

We were advised last year that all the catering facilities managed by third parties were re-tendered.

The business tells us that there has been no reduction in service on any site and in some there has been an improvement in opening hours. Standard key performance indicators (KPI) have been introduced across sites which focus on issues such as safety and standards.

Specific concerns relating to the management of catering and the treatment of employees have been raised at sites such as Dartford and Bedford. Shop stewards at these sites should be able to brief their members on local developments.

The trade union has also expressed strong misgivings about the increases in food prices and the way these are sometimes communicated. The company is considering the position on catering and we have been assured they understand how serious catering is to employees.

GMB has made it clear that we do not support outsourcing catering. The union will continue to ensure that catering gets the focus it deserves.

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