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To: Chief Executives in England, Wales and N Ireland (copies for HR and Finance Directors)

Members of the National Joint Council

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Dear Chief Executive,

Working arrangements: Christmas Day & Boxing Day 2022 and New Year's Day 2023

Christmas Day and Boxing Day 2022 fall on Sunday and Monday respectively and New Year's Day 2023 falls on a Sunday.

The Government has designated Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January as public holidays with pay in substitution for Christmas Day and New Year's Day respectively.

In accordance with joint advice issued in previous years to deal with these circumstances, authorities are advised that payments, unless a local agreement is in place, should be made in accordance with Green Book Part 3 Para 2.6 as follows:

- Employees required to work only one day out of Sunday 25 December or Monday 26
 December or Tuesday 27 December should receive public holiday pay, plus time off
 with pay at a later date, for the one day on which they work.
- Employees required to work all three consecutive days of Sunday 25 December and Monday 26 December and Tuesday 27 December should receive Sunday rates of pay for Sunday 25 December, and public holiday pay, plus time off with pay at a later date, for both Monday 26 December and Tuesday 27 December.
- Employees required to work on **both** Sunday 25 December and Monday 26 December (but **not** Tuesday 27 December) should receive public holiday pay plus time off with pay at a later date for both days.
- Employees required to work on **both** Sunday 25 December **and** Tuesday 27 December should receive Sunday rates of pay for Sunday 25 December and public holiday pay plus time off with pay at a later date for Tuesday 27 December.

- Employees required to work either or both Monday 26 December and / or Tuesday 27
 December should receive public holiday pay plus time off with pay at a later date for the
 day[s] on which they work.
- Employees required to work either Sunday 1 January or Monday 2 January (but not both) should receive public holiday pay plus time off with pay at a later date for the day on which they work.
- Employees required to work on **both** Sunday 1 January **and** Monday 2 January should receive Sunday rates of pay for Sunday 1 January and public holiday pay plus time off with pay at a later date for Monday 2 January.

Yours sincerely,

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