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**To: All Branches**

Dear Colleagues,

**The Guardian G2 Section, Today's Edition 30 July 2024, Pages 6 & 7 – Two Full Page Article on Dog Attacks on Postal Workers, Highlighting the UK Dog Attack Epidemic and National Crisis: The Article is Headed; 'The dog lunged at my face – then my lip came off':**

This is to notify CWU Branches, Reps and Regions that a two-page feature article on dog attacks on UK Postal Workers, has today been published in the Guardian's G2 section on pages 6 and 7.

This well-written article by journalist Emma Beddington follows on from our RM/CWU Joint Dog Awareness Week Campaign efforts earlier this month, our press statement and releases plus the circulation and promotion of our 'responsible dog ownership' leaflet. All part of the CWU's continuing efforts to raise awareness of the growing number of dog attacks on CWU member, postal workers in Royal Mail and Parcelforce which is nothing short of a 'National Crisis' of 'Epidemic Proportions' with numbers increasing 15% a year along with worsening injuries being sustained by victims.

We have called for the new UK Labour Government, UK police forces and Crown Prosecution Service to take firm action, clamping down on irresponsible, criminal dog owners by;

- Firstly, Government further strengthening the Dangerous Dogs Act,
- secondly, Police forces enforcing the law effectively and
- Thirdly, judges and courts to hand down penalties, sentences and orders that fit the crime and act as an effective deterrent.

We're obviously pleased to have secured a sizeable two-page feature in a National Daily Newspaper which includes an interview with the National Health and Safety Officer along with two members, who were dog attack victims,

recounting their terrifying and painful experiences, one of whom could have been killed.

Let's hope the article helps assist us in raising awareness of all involved and in opening the eyes of the public, dog owners, politicians, police officers, lawyers, judges and magistrates.

Yours sincerely



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