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TO: ALL BRANCHES

Dear Colleague,

NIGEL COTGROVE – FORMER NATIONAL OFFICER

It is with deep sadness that we write to advise branches that Nigel Cotgrove, former National Officer, passed away on Sunday after a sudden illness whilst away on holiday.

Nigel will be fondly remembered as a lifelong trade unionist who was held in high regard by our members and representatives as well as by employers. He devoted his working life to improving the lives of our members and working people everywhere.

Nigel worked for the Union for over 30 years, beginning in the Research Department in 1989 and moving to the Telecoms and Financial Services Department in 2000, where he worked diligently as a highly respected National Officer until retiring in 2020.

He worked with many different groups of members over the years, prior to retirement from the CWU he had responsibility for BT Consumer, EE, BT Group Customer Billing, BT Group Finance and Yell but had worked across a broad spectrum of companies in T&FS.

Throughout Nigel's time in the union, he was probably best known for his incredible knowledge of pensions leading many negotiations on various company pensions schemes, on behalf of members across the telecoms and financial services sectors. He continued to use this knowledge as a member nominated director of the BT Pension Scheme, a role he performed with excellence and was recently renominated to continue for another term.

On behalf of the whole of the CWU, we offer our sincere condolences to Nigel's wife Vicki and his family.

We will advise branches of the arrangements for his funeral in due course.

Any enquiries on the above LTB should be addressed to the General Secretary's Office at dlynch@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely,



Dave Ward
General Secretary



Karen Rose
Deputy General Secretary (Telecoms)