



10th June 2011

Dear Colleagues

SAYCE REPORT

A group of Remploy shop stewards attended the launch of the Sayce Report which was a review of supported employment.

The report mainly focuses on the closing of supported employment factories and moving some of those factories into the private sector under the guise of setting up cooperatives and social enterprise establishments.

The real reason for making these changes by the government is a cost cutting exercise. Money saved from supporting disabled people in factories will be transferred to Access to Work. Whilst the trade unions welcome any increase in access to work this should not be at the cost of factory jobs for disabled people.

A period of consultation by the government will now take place.

The Remploy Trade Union Consortium will be formulating a strategy aimed at preserving the factory network of supported employment.

Letters of support and comments can be sent to me at: phil.davies@gmb.org.uk or by post to Phil Davies, GMB National Secretary, 22/24 Worple Road, Wimbledon SW19 4DD.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Davies".

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