



## Media Release

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### **BRISTOL UNIFORMS EXPANDS UK OPERATIONS**

Bristol Uniforms, a global leader in the design and manufacture of firefighter PPE, has taken on additional premises to create a Central Cutting Unit and is recruiting extra staff as part of a significant business expansion.

The company was recently awarded a major new contract to supply clothing, equipment and managed services for the new Collaborative Procurement Framework, which is open to all FRSs across the UK. This success, combined with increasing demand from overseas markets, has prompted general expansion across all areas of the business.

The new 40,000 sq. ft. Central Cutting Unit is situated in Yate, near Bristol, close to the company's existing International Distribution Centre. 30 members of staff will be employed at the new premises to handle Lay Planning and Fabric Cutting, as well as storage of fabric stocks and finished goods. The building will house two new automatic cutting machines, as well as existing machines transferred from the manufacturing facility 6 miles away at Staple Hill.

As a result, the move will enable expansion of both the Production Sewing Line and the Western Service Centre at the existing Staple Hill facility.

Ian Mitchell, Joint Managing Director, comments: "Demand for our highly-specialised garments continues to grow, and many more FRSs are now accessing our cleaning and repair services. We're really pleased to have the extra space at our new premises, as by transferring our Lay Planning and Cutting department, we have been able to increase the capacity and capability of the Western Service



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Centre, which will handle cleaning and repairs for many of the FRSs signing up to the new Collaborative Framework contract.”

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**Editor's note:**

Bristol Uniforms Ltd, founded in Bristol in 1801, has been, and remains, the UK's leading designer and manufacturer of protective clothing for municipal and industrial firefighters both in the UK and abroad with around 50% of sales being exported to over 110 countries across the world. The company, which also supplies specialist PPE for other emergency services, including the police and ambulance service, employs over 100 people.