

HMRC staff are not being protected by the autumn statement..

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It was said in the autumn statement that the HMRC budget was being protected from cuts. That must come as news to many in HMRC because right now thousands at 21 locations are being invited to leave the department. This copy letter, reproduced with permission, explains why:

Dorothy Brown has, I know, been busy with these letters, which have gone to quite a number of MPs; all those in the 21 locations affected in fact.

But what this says is HMRC is withdrawing from many parts of the country and dispensing with at least another 2,000 staff - all of whom could be tackling the tax gap and will instead be doing something else.

The cost to society is large. The personal cost to those involved is enormous. The loss of tax revenue will be huge. And all this is driven by dogma, not logic.

I'm proud to support PCS staff in their fight to stop these redundancies.