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PCS responds to 22,000 civil service jobs leaving London

Union says any move must improve members' working conditions

Responding to the government's [announcement](#) it is relocating 22,000 civil service jobs from London by 2027, Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union general secretary Mark Serwotka said: "While we're in favour of a diverse civil service based in areas requiring public investment, it's important the decision to move departments is motivated not by politics but by a genuine desire to seek equality around the UK and the improvement of our members' working conditions.

"Our concerns with today's announcement stem from the fact the civil service is retreating from smaller towns and cities at a time when there is a greater need for them to remain. Every town should have its own DWP office, for example.

"The UK civil service should help local communities and economies, and advance the career opportunities, pay, terms and conditions of civil servants wherever they work."

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