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Dear Colleague

Record high employment continues.

New figures published today by the Office for National Statistics show another strong set of employment figures which underline the strength of the British economy:

- The number of people in work in the UK has never been higher (at 32.749 million). This is up by 3.7 million since 2010.
- The unemployment rate (3.8%) has not been lower since 1974.
- Regular pay (before inflation) is growing at its fastest for nearly eleven years
- And wages are once again outstripping CPIH inflation for the 16th month in a row.
- More women are in work (15.469 million) than ever before.
- Youth unemployment has almost halved since the 2010 election.

With wages outpacing inflation for 16 months in a row, more people in work than ever before, and joint-record female employment, this means better prospects for many thousands of UK families and shows the continued resilience of the UK labour market.

With unemployment still falling, remaining at its lowest rate since 1974, it's clear that UK employers continue to have confidence in our hard-working workforce.



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