

2,100 jobs at risk as Tesco overhauls management roles and shuts counters

Tesco has announced a wide-ranging overhaul of its stores which will impact around 2,100 jobs.

The UK's largest supermarket chain said it will extend changes to store management roles, shut remaining counters and hot delis and shut a number of in-store pharmacies as part of the shake-up.

Tesco said it is reducing the number of lead and team managers in large shops as part of the changes to its management structure, which will impact around 1,750 workers.

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The grocer said the move will also introduce around 1,800 new shift leader roles in stores, leading operational duties on the shop floor.

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It also said it will close its remaining counters and hot delis at stores from February 26, having previously removed counters from the majority of shops.

Tesco said all affected workers will be offered alternative roles. It did not say how many staff work on counters and delis.

The retailer also said 350 workers will be impacted by a series of localised changes, such as the closure of eight pharmacies and reduced hours at some in-store post offices.

Tesco UK and ROI chief executive officer, Jason Tarry, said: "These are difficult decisions to make, but they are necessary to ensure we remain focused on delivering value for our customers wherever we can, as well as ensuring our store offer reflects what our customers value the most.

"Our priority is to support those colleagues impacted and help find alternative roles within our business from the vacancies and newly created roles we have available."