
From: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Sent: Thur 18/12/2014 7:24:30 AM (UTC)
To: Alice Perkins CB [GRO] [t]
Subject: Fwd: One Show

Hi Alice, if you get chance probably worth a view of the OneShow. (From both your directorships actually - the BBC produced a very viewable 5minute bulletin, pity it is so wrong.)

The note below refers. Worth at least reading Angela's reply to my questions.

I do hope the carols went well! I stayed late cleared a lot of work and then had a wonderful family supper. Really great :)

Paula

Paula Vennells
Chief Executive
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Date: 18 December 2014 07:19:37 GMT
To: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd [GRO], Mark R Davies [GRO], Chris Aujard [GRO]
Cc: Belinda Crowe [GRO], Patrick Bourke [GRO]
Subject: Re: One Show

Angela, thanks so much. And my apologies first of all for missing you off the email yesterday. Without the work that you and your team have done, none of what we are doing would be possible!

Mark, I don't know if you think we can do anything, it's probably best not to but worth the thought.

Chris, if you didn't see the OneShow, please can you watch the clip - again I expect we are best to do nothing at this stage but Steve Phillips is completely out of order, inaccurate at best, lying at worst. And has wilfully collaborated to bring us into disrepute. Any views?

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On 18 Dec 2014, at 00:05, Angela Van-Den-Bogerd

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wrote:

Paula,

Steve Phillips at Nelson is in the Scheme. We have extensively investigated his claims - first as BAU and then as a Scheme application. He claims that interference on his telephone line was causing him losses in branch as well as intermittent power cuts. We have invested a large amount of time sharing our investigation findings with him. I have personally visited him to share our findings and have demonstrated to him that the cause of his losses is highly likely to be errors at the counter (we have evidence of a large number of errors being attributed to Steve himself) although we can not rule out theft as his security procedures were lacking. We advised him early on through BAU when his losses had not reached £18k to introduce individual stock units. He refused and the losses continued. When I became involved I insisted he introduce individual stock units which my team set up for him. Since this point the losses have stopped (other than the usual tolerance level ie £20ish per week)

The reason we haven't been in touch with Steve about the loss is that I agreed with him we would block his debt until his application had concluded in the Scheme. Steve is aware of this. He is also aware that our investigation has found no system or equipment fault and therefore he realises he is responsible for the loss. Second Sight has yet to produce their view on this case - this is I believe a few weeks off.

Angela

From: Belinda Crowe

Sent: 17 December 2014 22:42

To: Angela Van-Den-Bogerd

Subject: Fw: One Show

See below from Paula.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Paula Vennells

Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 09:45 PM

To: Mark R Davies; Belinda Crowe; Gavin Lambert; Patrick Bourke

Cc: Alice Perkins [GRO]

Subject: One Show

Hi all, I managed to catch the one show on iPlayer.

Not denying the fact it is unhelpful and inaccurate, (especially the focus on Horizon - but see below re thoughts on that), Mark has achieved a balance of reporting beyond anything I could have hoped for. The statements stamped across the screen with the PO sign as a back drop were really powerful. They emphasised everything we have done, and came across as ... fact! Very good.

The rest was hype and human interest. Not easy for me to be objective but I was more bored than outraged. The MP quoted (who?) was full of bluster, and inaccurate. Jo Hamilton lacked passion and admitted false accounting on TV. JA was nowhere to be seen. And the bulletin was too long.

What I thought was helpful was that it presented Horizon as the problem, which is exactly what SS say they haven't found. And so easier for us to refute. There was nothing about intimidation, poor coaching and the message about not knowing how to use the system, in my eyes made the SPMRs look inadequate.

Lastly, (belt and braces I know - forgive me), can we find out how the SPMR in Nelson (Wales) thinks we're about to go after him for £18k and why he thinks we haven't been in touch. That sounds like a live issue, not one in the scheme? (I'm sure we have been in touch!)

My sincere thanks to all of you. I had an email tonight from Richard C saying how much you had helped, that we could have done nothing more and he was sorry the debate had not gone better.

Paula

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