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**To:** 'andrew.parsons'; GRO  
**Cc:** Rodric Williams; GRO; Hugh Flemington; GRO; Chris Aujard; GRO; martin.smith; GRO; Matthews, Gavin  
**Subject:** RE: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253] Meeting room 107 Tuesday 28/01/2014 10-12 am

Andy

I have arranged for a meeting to take place between 10am and 12 noon on Tuesday in room 107 at Old Street in which our Civil and Criminal lawyers be present to ensure that steps are taken to limit and hopefully avoid the risk to POL arising out of the Mediation scheme.

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**From:** Jarnail Singh  
**Sent:** 23 January 2014 13:26  
**To:** 'andrew.parsons'; GRO; 'martin.smith'; GRO  
**Subject:** Re: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

Thanks Andy can we say 10am on Tuesday.

**From:** Parsons, Andrew; GRO  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2014 12:55 PM Coordinated Universal Time  
**To:** Jarnail Singh; 'martin.smith'; GRO  
**Subject:** RE: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

I can do anytime Tuesday.

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**From:** Jarnail Singh [GRO]  
**Sent:** 23 January 2014 12:46  
**To:** Parsons, Andrew; [GRO]  
**Subject:** Re: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

Andy. There is substantial amount to discuss as matter of urgency .I anticipate meeting will take 2-2half hours. Cam you fit this in on tuesday ,if not could Gavin attend on your behalf on Monday.

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**From:** Parsons, Andrew [GRO]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 05:32 PM Coordinated Universal Time  
**To:** martin smith [GRO]  
**Cc:** Jarnail Singh  
**Subject:** RE: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

I could make a con call on Monday but have a meeting 3-4pm that would make getting to Old Street difficult.  
Kind regards  
Andy

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**From:** martin smith [GRO]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2014 13:13  
**To:** Parsons, Andrew  
**Cc:** Jarnail A Singh [GRO]  
**Subject:** RE: Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

Andrew,

This is something which we should discuss carefully. I'm afraid the position is rather complicated and the proposed approach gives rise to enormous risks. Any potential admission of liability will create potential problems with defendants unhappy with their conviction, sentence and confiscation order. I think it would be a good idea to have a conference at 148 Old Street early next week.

Jarnail, Could a conference be accommodated at short notice?

Kind regards,

Martin.

Martin Smith

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**From:** Parsons, Andrew [GRO]  
**Sent:** 21 January 2014 13:00  
**To:** martin smith  
**Cc:** Jarnail A Singh [GRO]  
**Subject:** Early intervention [BD-4A.FID20472253]

Martin

In a number of cases investigated so far, Post Office believe (in hindsight) that they could have spotted a SPMR's problems early. For example, where losses were prevalent over long periods or losses were escalating; or where the cash position in the branch was clearly far too low or high compared to the cash demands of the branch.

In these cases, Post Office is considering accepting some fault (ie. if POL had intervened earlier the losses may have been less). This would not of course the excuse the underlying misfeasance / negligence that led to the losses in the first place: it is more about stopping the losses escalating earlier.

I appreciate that this is a very broad hypothetical question but. do you think this could or would cause a criminal / prosecution risk?

My (completely novice!) initial view is that if a SPMR commits false accounting or theft, the "amount" of that false accounting or theft does not affect the conviction (but I guess could have an impact on sentence).

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards  
Andy

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