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Subject: CCRC S17 requests for sub-postmaster applications

Dear Mr Cooke and Mr Stuart,

Further to my correspondence on 2 April 2015 and telephone conversation with Mr Cooke earlier today, I am conscious that the s.17 notices sent to us by the CCRC ask Post Office to provide responsive documents and other materials to you within 28 days.

We have of course already provided to you some materials in response to “general” s.17 notices (i.e. those which do not relate to a specific case). In that regard, I anticipate sending to you tomorrow the final “Briefing Report – Part Two” prepared by Second Sight, along with Post Office Limited’s Reply to that report, as promised in my letter dated 2 April 2015. I will at the same time provide to you, as requested in Mr Cooke’s email of 13 April 2015, the draft Report dated 11 March 2015 and draft Reply dated 27 March 2015 referred to in my 2 April 2015 letter.

We are also making progress in collating the documents and materials sought in the “case specific” s.17 notices, for which the first of the 28 day periods expires today. As I intimated in my 2 April 2015 email, responding to these notices is proving to be a considerable exercise, given the number of applicants (currently 18), breadth of the requests, and likely volume of material. Further, the documents and materials are physically held in a variety of locations and may not easily be retrieved given the age of some of the cases. As such, although we are working to provide the requested documents and materials as quickly as possible, I do not anticipate that we will be able to do so within the 28 day periods as you have asked.

I have been liaising with Mr Stuart about meeting to discuss how we can respond to the s.17 notices in a way which best facilitates your review. We think that it would be useful to discuss the following at such a meeting:

- Background to the Complaint Review and Mediation Scheme established to consider individual concerns about the Post Office Horizon system (given that the majority of the applicants to the CCRC also applied to this Scheme);
- Categories of Responsive Documents and Materials;
- Delivery to CCRC of Documents and Materials:
 - o Time frame;
 - o Sequence of delivery;
 - o Method of delivery (e.g. given the anticipated volume of documents, we are currently considering whether a “data room” would be helpful, but obviously need your input on whether this would produce a suitable solution);
- Points of Contact.

We will make ourselves available for this meeting if you could please let me know when you would be available. We are happy to host you at our offices in London or to travel to your offices in Birmingham if you would prefer.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, we are continuing to collate the documents and materials we are required to provide under the various s.17 notices.

Kind regards, Rodric

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