

Compliance

Policy Monitoring Report

Postmaster Compliant Handling Support Policy February 2022

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1. Rating / Residual Risk Score

The overall rating and residual risk score applied to this review is satisfactory – no findings, no control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.

Ratings	Residual Risk Score	
2	Satisfactory – with findings, minor control weaknesses or process	
	inefficiencies identified.	

2. Overview

The purpose of the Policy Monitoring Report is to understand, test and gain assurance based on some point of control testing that the **Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy** is working and fit for purpose.

3. Objective of the review

To test some of the key minimum control standards in the **Postmaster Compliant Handling Policy** and whether the effectiveness of the policy is being implemented across the group.

4. Background

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy has been established to set the minimum operating standards relating to the management of Postmaster Complaints. The Policy is intended to ensure that Post Office handle all Postmaster Complaints consistently, fairly and within agreed timescales.

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy was drafted, reviewed and approved by the RCC & ARC in March 2021 and due its annual review in March 2022. Typically on a monthly basis most complaints logged by Postmasters are against Royal Mail and Parcelforce, with a recent spike in ATM complaints. The MI (complaints dashboard that was created on Power BI), demonstrates currently this month (Feb 22), we have had 305 complaints raised from Postmasters, the three highest areas of complaints logged were against: ATM's with 37 Complaints, Parcelforce with 42 Complaints and Royal Mail with 65 complaints. The remaining 161 complaints logged were against other categories.

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy is sponsored by the Service and Support Optimization Director with the Retail and Franchise Network Director, having specified responsibilities to facilitate compliance with the minimum control standards stated within the policy. The Retail and Franchise Network Director is accountable for the deployment of the policy and their role is also responsible for regularly reviewing the standards and processes set out in the policy and for drafting any amendments that may be required.

The policy is part of a developing framework of postmaster support policies that has been established to set the minimum operating standards relating to the management of our postmaster contract risks. Post Office's risk appetite in this area is averse.

5. Methodology

The assurance review will consist of the following:

- A sample check of 4 Minimum Control Standards stated within the policy
- Sample testing the processes set out for Postmaster Complaints.
- Sample check of any relevant logs, trackers and MI
- Sample check of any relevant QA
- Complaint guides set out
- Review types of complaints being raised and how these have been effectively managed.

6. Source of Information

The review is based on examining the supporting materials supplied by the Policy Owner to support the attestations made on policy conformance and not based on an 'on site' inspection of files and supporting materials or as a full internal audit

The source of the information will come from:

- Postmaster Complaint Handling Support Policy
- Policy Owner
- Active Complaints Dashboard
- IRT Case Help
- Complaint Classification List
- BSC Complaints Whistleblowing Knowledge
- Voice of the Postmaster
- Complaint KBA Examples
- Complaint Guides
- Quality Monitoring Reports
- Complaints Logged
- Area Manager Processes
- Royal Mail and Parcel Force Complaints

7. Findings

Minimum Control Standard Tested	Rating
Postmaster ease of raising complaints - If Postmasters are	2 - The control standard is
discouraged to raise and pursue Complaints, their issues will be	assessed as Satisfactory – with
unknown to Post Office and remain unresolved.	findings, minor control
	weaknesses or process
If Post Office do not provide suitable channels for Complaint raising,	inefficiencies identified.
Postmasters will not be encouraged to share their Complaints.	
Receipt and Identification of Whistleblowing Reports - If	1 - Satisfactory – no findings, no
Whistleblowing incidents are not recognised and reported to the	control weaknesses or process
Whistleblowing team, there is a risk that the most serious Complaints	inefficiencies identified.
may not be investigated and resolved as a priority.	
Investigation and Resolution of Complaints - If Postmaster	2 - The control standard is
Complaints are not fully understood and investigated, the root cause	assessed as Satisfactory – with
may not be addressed and the same Complaints could recur, leading to	findings, minor control.
Postmaster and branch dissatisfaction.	
	mangs, millor control.

If Post Office do not take reasonable steps to achieve resolution within reasonable timescales, there is a risk that Postmasters and branches may not be able to operate effectively.	
Reporting and Insights - If Post Office are unable or unwilling to recognise consistent thematic issues Postmasters and branches will suffer recurring issues and Post Office will forfeit opportunities to address common Complaint issues.	1 - Satisfactory – no findings, no control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.
If Post Office are not transparent with performance against Service Levels applied to the Complaint handling process, Postmasters and branches and stakeholders may lose faith in Post Office's ability to effectively manage Complaints	

Upon review of the Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy and the selected Minimum Control Standards - it is evident that these areas can currently be demonstrated as fit for purpose and are improving. There are a few minor gaps that have been identified within the review, however these are in relation to process inefficiencies and training. The samples/evidence reviewed demonstrated that the team currently have good processes and procedures in place for some areas of Postmaster Complaint Handling and some which need strengthening. Training also remains a focus point for advisors and there has been some turnover in the team.

The samples of MI, Data, trackers and dashboards reviewed by compliance showed and demonstrated that there are robust measures in place for reporting and gaining insights of complaints that arise from postmasters and branches. The team have demonstrated that they use the complaints data effectively and seek feedback on postmaster satisfaction, this has been evidenced through the Voice of the Postmaster meetings and Voice of the Postmaster surveys.

The team have produced information on the volume of Complaints and Post Office's performance against Service Levels, this information has been published both internally and to Postmasters on a regular basis.

Overall the compliance assurance review on the Postmaster Complaints Handling Policy has demonstrated that Postmasters are not discouraged to raise and pursue complaints and there are suitable channels of reporting and raising complaints in place. The team have taken reasonable steps to achieve resolution within reasonable timescales, however in certain circumstances there still remains cases that have not met the SLA, due to the nature and complexity of the complaint raised.

Risk Score 2



Postmaster ease of raising complaints

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy minimum control standards particular to this are:

"Communication with Postmasters at all levels should encourage the reporting of issues and Complaints.

Post Office will regularly review channels available to Postmasters for the raising of Complaints

Postmaster facing teams will take reasonable steps to identify Postmaster dissatisfaction which is expressed during their contact with Postmasters and offer the Postmaster the opportunity to raise a formal Complaint".

Findings

Communication with Postmasters at all levels is encouraged for reporting issues of complaints. The team encourage branches to raise any level of dissatisfaction as a complaint. This includes the IRT advisors as well, If an advisor has a branch on the phone who are not happy about something the advisor will discuss this with the branch and have the issues logged as a complaint. Typically the reporting of issues and complaints is targeted through, Postmaster facing teams (at every interaction), Head of Service and Support Optimisation (Quarterly) and Postmaster facing team managers (at every interaction).

There are three channels that postmasters can use to raise complaints:

- 1.Branch Hub Which can be accessed at anytime from anywhere by the Postmaster, It is accessed via the 'We're Listening' button on the front page of Branch Hub. Once a complaint has been received the Issue Resolution Team (IRT) will acknowledge the complaint within 24 hours. The IRT will then contact the Postmaster directly to fully understand and investigate their concerns. The aim is to provide a full response to the Postmaster's complaint within 10 business days.
- 2.Branch Support Centre Which gives the Postmaster the option to make their complaint by telephone, the branch support advisor will take ownership of the complaint and escalate where necessary to the Issue Resolution Team (IRT).
- 3.Area Managers Area Managers will aim to resolve complaints for the Postmasters, by working with the Postmaster to fully understand their concerns and provide a response. This may mean talking to the relevant areas of the business who can resolve the issue or provide an answer to the Postmaster's concerns. If the Area Manager is unable to resolve the Postmaster's concerns, they will refer the complaint to the Issue Resolution Team (IRT) to investigate and provide a response directly to the Postmaster.

The business have created 166 complaint classifications due to the various nature of complaints that could possibly arise which compliance sampled. Each classification has a knowledge base article (KBA) attached to it. These KBA's provide information to the advisors of what needs to be logged on a case when logging a complaint, as well as what to feedback to the branch. These KBA's were created with escalation points for help in resolving an issue. This was carried out by contacting the relevant areas of the business. The Issue Resolution Team (IRT), have a dashboard on dynamics for complaints to filter through to, which compliance reviewed and sampled. Once a

case is assigned to IRT, the aim is for the case to be at least acknowledged within 1 hour. Complaints raised via Branch Hub, IRT receive an email alert direct to the specially created inbox, postmastercomplaints GRO Complaints that come in from Area managers do vary and aren't consistent. This is currently being reviewed and a meeting is due to be scheduled in the coming weeks with the Issue Resolution Team Manager and the Network and Postmaster Contractor.

Compliance worked with the Issue Resolution Team Manager whom identified that further improvements need to be made across BSC for advisors to identify a potential complaint better. Training requests have been identified but no set date has yet to be agreed. The main work that needs to be done is for the advisors to be fully aware of what constitutes as a complaint and what doesn't. For example BSC advisors are fully aware of the correct processes to follow for a complaint about Royal Mail or Parcelforce, but knowledge is sparse for most other complaint categories. This work is on the Issue Resolution Team Manager's service improvement plan and initial steps in regards to planning has already started with the Service Centre Manager.

For business wide awareness in February 2022, a Postmaster Complaint Handling was created on successfactors which was mandatory for all employees to undertake, the training reinforced and raised awareness of what you should do when a postmaster makes a compliant. The course was designed to help understand the key principles of the Postmaster Compliant Handling policy.

Review

Upon review of this minimum control standard it is evident that there are effective channels and processes in place for postmasters to raise complaints and concerns with ease, these channels do get reviewed regularly by the Issue Resolution Team Manager to ensure they continue to remain effective.

There are also robust measures in place to capture and filter through data on the complaints that come through to the team, this is evidenced through the dashboard on dynamics for complaints that compliance sampled.

There has been improvement within this area over the last 6 months where the business have created 166 complaint classifications with a knowledge base article (KBA) attached to it, which provides information to advisors on what to feedback to the branch and postmasters when a complaint is raised. As an observation and from the KBA's sampled by compliance, it is unclear what happens if a complaint comes through that does not fall within the 166 complaint classifications created. Compliance would recommend that a clear process is devised outlining the steps that advisers would need to follow should a complaint arises that falls outside of the 166 complaint classifications.

Further improvements also need to be made across BSC for advisors to identify a potential complaint better as training requests have been identified but currently there is no set date agreed for this to be carried out. Compliance recommend that reasonable steps are taken to ensure training/processes are put in place for advisors as a priority so they are fully aware of what constitutes as a complaint and what does not.

The Issue Resolution Team Manager raised concerns regarding the Complaints that come in from Area managers as they vary and aren't consistent, work is currently being undertaken to ensure there remains consistency with area managers and the types of complaints being raised. The control standard is assessed as Satisfactory – with findings, minor control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.

Risk Score 1



Receipt and Identification of Whistleblowing Reports

The Postmaster Complaint Handing Policy minimum control standards particular to this are:

"All Complaint Handlers will undertake a training and awareness programme, so that they are aware of the Whistleblowing Policy and procedure.

Regular case reviews of Complaints that have/have not been identified as Whistleblowing reports to ensure consistency and continued understanding of the triage guidelines".

Findings

The policy outlines and addresses the difference between complaints and whistleblowing for Complaint Handlers to understand in relation to the types of Complaints being raised by Postmasters, so that they can assist in identifying whether a report is a Complaint or Whistleblowing.

Currently every employee in the business has to complete a compulsory whistleblowing compliance test, following the annual Whistleblowing Training on SuccessFactors. In addition to this the Whistleblowing team have recently (31st January 22) carried out group sessions with BSC and IRT advisors to go through what whistleblowing is in more detail, including what constitutes as whistleblowing. This additional training will give a better overview of how to identify a potential Whistleblowing call/email better and to answer any questions/queries that the teams may have.

In order to help advisors the business has in place a knowledge base article (KBA), which has been put together with input directly from the Whistleblowing team and the Issue Resolution Team Manager, this is to ensure that the cases are logged correctly and the correct process is being followed. The Postmaster Complaint Handling Support Policy has been incorporated to the knowledge base article (KBA) and has been shared with all of BSC/IRT and is saved on the teams pages.

Cases that are logged are reviewed monthly by the Issue Resolution Team Manager via the dynamic's dashboard which compliance reviewed and sampled. Compliance also reviewed the Whistleblowing process document which in place and applies to all Post Office branches, including multiple partners. This includes postmasters, managers, assistants, and clerks. The document reviewed clearly outlines the processes that IRT advisors need to follow when they identify that a complaint is a potential Whistleblowing Case.

Review

Upon review of this minimum control standard it is evident that the business has a robust and an effective Whistleblowing Policy, procedures and processes in place. Advisors have completed Whistleblowing compliance tests along with the annual Whistleblowing training which is a mandatory requirement for all employees. This has demonstrated that advisors are aware of what Whistleblowing incidents are and how to spot them when they are raised. Additional Whistleblowing training is currently being delivered to all BSC and IRT teams by the Whistleblowing Officer to ensure advisors continue to recognise what constitutes as a Whistleblowing incident and how to escalate it and follow the correct process/procedure.

It is also evident that there are measures in place to capture Whistleblowing cases, which can be evidenced through the dynamic's dashboard.

The control standard is assessed as Satisfactory – no findings, no control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.

Risk Score 2



Investigation and Resolution of Complaints

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy minimum control standards particular to this are:

"Knowledge based articles and processes will be rolled out through training and reviewed regularly.

Quality checks and training will take place with Complaint Handlers to ensure that all information is gathered, and the correct process is followed.

Complaint Service Levels will be regularly reviewed by the Complaint Handler and spot checked by the Issue Resolution Team Manager. Any risk to Service Level will be notified to the Postmaster in advance and flagged to the Issue Resolution Team Manager.

Any Complaints that are unable to be resolved will be escalated for review".

Findings

Within the last quarter of 2021 a project was carried out primarily with product owners and their associated teams to enhance knowledge based articles (KBAs). There have been KBA's for all complaint classifications created. They have also raised awareness of the role of the Issue Resolution Team.

The KBAs are reviewed monthly and will be done by checking a months' worth of data to see which classifications/KBA's have been used the most. The process will be to contact the product owner or contact shown on the KBA to make sure all the information is up to date or if any changes need to be made. An audit system for the KBA's will be launched in the near future. This will include a monthly review of which KBA's that have been used as well as implementing an update process. Recently the ATM KBA's have been updated due to changes within the business from BOI to Cennox. Similar changes are currently taking place due to AEI machines being changed to tablets.

A quality checking process is in place which compliance sampled checked, the form focuses on the key elements of a case. This includes making sure the case has been logged correctly, acknowledging the complaint and making sure the complainant is aware of the 10 working day SLA to resolve, processes carried out for escalating to the relevant area if required, and also that the case was resolved correctly.

4 cases are picked at random each month by the Issue Resolution Team Manager. 4 cases to review was decided to fall in line with the BSC advisors. The Issue Resolution Team Manager also checks cases on an ad-hoc basis, this includes reviewing active cases with his advisors in one hour sessions per advisor every two weeks. The Issue Resolution Team Manager stated that going forward there needs to be a feedback sheet developed and completed every session.

A process guide has been put together and trained out to each complaint handler. The main focus with this is to make sure the correct expectation is set. It is not always possible for a complaint to

be resolved within the 10 working day SLA, these usually occur when a longer investigation is required, relying on responses from other teams or external partners. The guide makes sure that the correct process is followed consistently.

For complaints that advisors are struggling to resolve, a case help spreadsheet has been created. The advisors add the information to this spreadsheet for the IRT manager to review and provide feedback, or step in and actively chase the issue if required. The case help spreadsheet is checked 3 days a week by the IRT manager on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's.

Review

Upon review of this minimum control standard it is evident that improvements have been made in this area and many of the processes have been scoped out from scratch to ensure that investigations and resolution of complaints remain robust and processes are being followed correctly.

Although training sessions have taken place, It is still evident that training for advisors remains a focus point on complaints and work is currently being planned to further upskill advisors on what constitutes as a complaint and what does not.

When the business had a structure change last year (2021) it did have an impact on the team and due to the change the team lost 3 advisors and gained 2 new advisors. Both advisors had to be trained from scratch which was difficult, mainly due to the fact that everyone was working from home. The Issue Resolution Team Manager is currently devising a training plan for each advisor, this will include compliance tests chosen from Success Factors as well as an overall review of what each person feels they struggle with. Some for example find it difficult to write resolution emails so this has been included in the training pack.

From the evidence sampled by compliance the Issue Resolution Team Manager regularly reviews SLA's and if there has been a risk identified to the postmaster they have been notified in advance.

Quality Assurance is conducted on advisors, the form sampled by compliance is comprehensive and now incorporates the New Competency Performance Indicators for advisors. The form also includes a section on a coaching plan should advisors need further development and upskilling.

As an observation compliance query whether quality checking 4 cases against the level of complaints raised is sufficient and recommends the Issue Resolution Team Manager increases the number of cases being quality checked to ensure there remains consistency in the quality of service the team provide to Postmasters/Branches when handling complaints/issues raised.

The control standard is assessed as Satisfactory – with findings, minor control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.

Risk Score 1



Reporting and Insights

The Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy minimum control standards particular to this are:

"Complaint handling reporting dashboards will be maintained and updated to show volumes, channels, Service Levels, subjects and resolution of Complaints

Interrogation of Complaints data will be undertaken to identify themes that could surface common Complaint issues.

Common and recurring issues will be escalated to the Voice of the Postmaster meeting for awareness and discussion with the aim of establishing overarching solutions.

Postmasters will be provided with regular updates on the number of Complaints raised by Postmasters, key issues raised and what Post Office are doing if they haven't been resolved".

Findings

Compliance reviewed a number of reporting dashboards and raw data, which are maintained and updated regularly, the Postmaster Complaints Dashboard updated on the 21st Feb 22 currently showed that 91% of complaints have been resolved within the agreed SLA, against a target of goal of 80%. 250 complaints still remain open, of which 183 are over the SLA. There are 0 Whistleblowing reports. In the last 7 days the business have seen 130 complaints created of which 124 have been resolved within the 7 day period, the recent data shows that 48% of these were resolved the same day.

The three main areas that postmasters have raised complaints about are product/service, IT and supply chain.

The following is how the data is used

- Data is used to form a live Postmaster issues and complaints dashboard
- Each area from around the business is given access to the dashboard and can drill into their area of responsibility
- Service levels are closely monitored along with volumes of complaints
- Each area of the business is being held to account to ensure they are giving the best possible service to Postmasters
- Trends are discussed at the monthly voice of the Postmaster meeting and opportunities identified to fix the root causes of issues

This has allowed the team to understand what is impacting Postmasters and causing them the most concern, understand how well the team are dealing with postmaster complaints and the service they provide to them and Identify issues and whether improvements need to be made.

Every Monday a spreadsheet is compiled from dynamics to show all the complaints that have been logged from the previous week. This is used to spot trends to feedback with. The main areas that stand out are Mails, IT issues, and recently ATM. Additionally the reporting team send a daily spreadsheet of the previous days mails complaints to key stakeholders. These cases are checked on a daily basis to make sure they were logged correctly.

The Voice of the Postmaster (VOTP) meeting, chaired by the Retail and Franchise Network Director reviews all postmaster complaint themes monthly and actions taken to address the root causes are also reported at the meeting.

A sample pack from a voice of the postmaster meeting has been reviewed and sampled by compliance. Notes on actions are taken and tracked by the Head of Postmaster Engagement. In addition to this compliance also reviewed the copy of the Voice of the Postmaster action log, filtered for actions on complaints.

Review

Upon review of this minimum control standard it is evident that the business have robust and effective reporting and insights in place. Complaint handling reporting dashboards are maintained

and updated to show volumes, channels, Service Levels, subjects and resolution of Complaints on a regular basis with both raw and live data. Interrogation of Complaints data has also been undertaken to identify themes that could surface common Complaint issues.

As an observation whilst the SLA is met for more than 80% of the time, it does mean that there are some breaches on outstanding complaints passed the SLA period, these have usually occurred when a longer investigation is required, relying on responses from other teams or external partners, before the complaint can be resolved and closed off.

It is also evident that Postmasters are provided with regular updates on the number of Complaints raised by Postmasters, key issues raised and what Post Office are doing if they haven't been resolved. This can be evidenced through the Voice of the Postmaster (VOTP) meetings, where common and recurring issues are escalated for awareness and discussion with the aim of establishing overarching solutions to the actions raised. The team do include Postmaster Feedback surveys after a compliant has been resolved however very rarely receive any completed ones back.

The control standard is assessed as Satisfactory – no findings, no control weaknesses or process inefficiencies identified.

8. Recommendations

Following the assurance review of the Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy compliance have advised the following recommendations:

- Compliance would recommend that a clear process is devised outlining the steps that advisers would need to follow should a complaint arises that falls outside of the 166 complaint classifications.
- Further improvements also need to be made across BSC for advisors to identify a potential complaint - Compliance recommend that reasonable steps are taken to ensure training/processes are put in place for advisors as a priority so they are fully aware of what constitutes as a complaint and what does not.
- Compliance recommend the Issue Resolution Team Manager increases the number of cases being quality checked to ensure there remains consistency in the quality of service the team provide to Postmasters/Branches when handling complaints/issues raised
- Continue to work with Area Managers to ensure there remains consistency with the types of complaints being raised by them.

9. Policy Owner Response	

10. Agreed actions to be taken

Action	Owner	Date to be completed by
All actions documents in section 7 of this report.	Issue Resolution Team Manager	Next Policy Annual Review (March 23).

11. Review Date/Sign Off

Policy Review Date	Next Policy Review	Review Conducted	Review Signed Off
	Date	Ву	Ву
March 2022	March 2023	Reena Chohan (Policy	Reena Chohan
		Compliance Manager)	

12. Scoring Table

Below table sets out the Residual Risk Score and Rating that will apply upon review of the Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy, to determine how effective the policy is, any control weaknesses or gaps and whether the policy needs enhancements/improvements.

Ratings	Residual Risk Score	
1	Satisfactory – no findings, no control	Insignificant
	weaknesses or process inefficiencies	
	identified.	
2	Satisfactory – with findings, minor	Low
	control weaknesses or process	
	inefficiencies identified.	
3	Satisfactory – room for	Medium
	improvement, Some weaknesses	
	around internal controls such as	
	records, systems identified.	
4	Unsatisfactory – improvement	High
	control weakness. Inadequate	
	internal control environment which	
	requires management attention and	
	improvement as priority. A high	
	number of non-compliances with	
	internal and external guidelines,	
	weaknesses in records, systems and	
	controls and/or non-compliance with	
	regulator/contractual requirements	
	and policy.	
5	Unsatisfactory – major control	Critical
	weakness, major breakdown in	
	internal control environment which	
	requires urgent Senior Management	
	intervention. A significant number of	
	non-compliances with internal and	
	external guidelines and weaknesses	
	in records, systems and controls	
	identified. Non-compliance with	
	regulatory/contractual requirements,	
	risk of significant reputational	
	damage.	

1. Recommendations

Following the assurance review of the Postmaster Complaint Handling Policy compliance have advised the following recommendations:

- Compliance would recommend that a clear process is devised outlining the steps that advisers would need to follow should a complaint arises that falls outside of the 166 complaint classifications.
 - Classifications are set to allow regular updates and changes as required.
 - If the advisor can't find a suitable classification, they can refer to the IRT for Review (who can advise how to log or look to add a category).

- Classifications are also updated when new products are introduced (e.g. PUDO)
- Further improvements also need to be made across BSC for advisors to identify a potential complaint

 Compliance recommend that reasonable steps are taken to ensure training/processes are put in
 place for advisors as a priority so they are fully aware of what constitutes as a complaint and what
 does not. —
 - Work has started to develop the process and training for BSC advisors.
 - Initial meeting held with Service Centre Senior Manager to understand training requirements for BSC advisors (focus on 'what is a complaint/what is feedback' based on the policy definition).
 - A meeting has been held with a Team Manager and two advisors from BSC, to talk about the
 process and how we can make sure we are capturing the feedback / what advisors need to
 know.
 - Meeting set with the Service & Support Quality Training Manager to talk about complaint handling training for advisors and the best way to deliver this.
- Compliance recommend the Issue Resolution Team Manager increases the number of cases being
 quality checked to ensure there remains consistency in the quality of service the team provide to
 Postmasters/Branches when handling complaints/issues raised
 - 4 Case audited by the IRT Manager each month
 - The IRT manager also has I hour side by side quality assessment sessions with each advisor every 4 weeks, to go through their active cases.
 - Next steps is to formalise the process and record the output of the 1 hour sessions, to identify any advisor training needs.
- Continue to work with Area Managers to ensure there remains consistency with the types of complaints being raised by them.
 - I've spoken to Rhi Thomas and agreed a 10 minute slot on their Monday business update. We just need to contact sharon.madden GRO to arrange the slot.
 - The IRT Manager (Mat) will attend to remind AMs of the process when they receive a complaint (alongside points they've raised for us to cover below).
 - Why log complaints (what is the benefit to the AM and the Postmaster)
 - How we log the complaint
 - Who owns the complaint to resolution
 - Who is contacted and when
 - What is the SLA regarding time to resolution.
 - How and to who do the AMs escalate if they are not receiving updates/resolution not achieved within SLA