
From: Holmes Jan R[/O=ICL/OU=UKSOUTH FEL01/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=HOLMESJ]
Sent: Fri 05/12/2003 10:48:14 AM (UTC)
To: Lenton-Smith Colin[] **GRO**
Subject: FW: Borehamwood

Colin,

As I said to Graham, this is getting out of hand. There have been a number of 'phone conversations between Nic, Graham and I where I have offered the temporary flag pending a decision but they have asked me to hold off. I have not had sight of the 03/11/03 email but it tends to suggest that DWP requested that data was not destroyed from that date. If that is the case and we have been destroying the 'evidence' could we be in trouble?

Not what you want on a Friday.

Regards,

Jan

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

From: Holmes Jan R
Sent: 05 December 2003 10:44
To: 'graham.c.ward[]' **GRO**
Cc: Lowther Neneh; Mitchell William
Subject: RE: Borehamwood

Graham,

This is rapidly getting out of hand.

I do not recall either you or Nic Samuels having asked for the temporary flag to be set so currently it is not. Under the circumstances I shall ask for it to be set but as I said it is a temporary measure only.

Also I'm not sure what the DWP hope to achieve by threatening Fujitsu wrt destroying evidence since my understanding is that this is being requested by the Defence and not the Prosecution. Or are DWP playing both ends against the middle.

What has to be remembered is that Fujitsu Services is a commercial organisation with a contract in place between ourselves and the Post Office. I shall let our Commercial people know about DWP's escalation. Who do we charge our legal fees to?

Regards,

Jan

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

From: graham.c.ward[] **GRO**
Sent: 05 December 2003 10:33
To: jan.holmes[] **GRO**; neneh.lowther[] **GRO**
Cc: tony.r.utting[] **GRO**
Subject: Borehamwood

Jan

For your information only at this stage. I am still waiting on the DWP to confirm that they are prepared to meet the costs of preventing destruction of data. I have however received an e mail (03/12/03) from the DWP (see extracted paragraphs below), which I thought you should be made aware of.....

Please make arrangements with Fujitsu to ensure ALL Horizon

*records relating to Borehamwood Post Office cease to be destroyed. (as per my memo dated 3.11.03)
Our Solicitors are in the process of writing to Fujitsu to highlight the legal implications of destroying evidence in this criminal investigation.
Please contact me as soon as you have notified Fujitsu.*

At this stage I presume the 'temporary flag' still stands and thus no further data is being destroyed. Needless to say, we have responded by asking for a commitment to meeting the cost of preventing destruction, which appears to have been ignored at this point. I do not know who the DWP intend writing to within Fujitsu as they have not been supplied with names or addresses by us, but would be grateful if you could send me a copy of any correspondence you may receive on this matter.

If you wish to discuss please give me a bell

Regards

Graham

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