

**Application Form**

For Second Sight use only

Case ref:

Your Details	
Surname: Jones	Forenames: Keith
Your address: GRO	
Postcode: GRO	
Telephone number 1: GRO	Email address: rhigos-store GRO
Telephone number 2:	
My current Member of Parliament is: Ann Clwyd	

Your Branch	
<i>Please insert the details of the branch where you worked. If you worked at more than one branch, please provide details on an extra sheet of paper.</i>	
Name of branch: Rhigos	FAD Code of branch: 4846117
Address of branch: GRO	
Postcode: GRO	
Your role at the branch (ie. Subpostmaster, Subpostmistress, clerk, etc.): Subpostmaster	
When did you begin in this role? April 2008	Are you still in this role? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If no, when did you leave this role:

Initial Case Overview

To the best of your knowledge, is your case (or any part of it) currently subject to any on-going criminal investigations or proceedings (including the issue of a summons, sentencing hearings or a confiscation order)?

☐ YES – you may still submit your case, but Second Sight may not be able investigate it whilst criminal investigations or proceedings are on-going.

☒ NO

The purpose of the 'Initial Case Overview' is to summarise the main issues you wish Second Sight to consider. If your case is accepted for mediation, you will then have an opportunity to supply much more detail together with supporting evidence.

The following Key Questions may help you with this Initial Case Overview but please feel free to supply any information that you consider may help explain your complaint.

What is the main issue or issues you wish us to consider that relate to Horizon or its associated processes?

Effect on HOL of power failures during transactions and low power indicated by shop lights dimming, poor and loss of communication during transactions, outdated and unserviced sub post office equipment causing freezing, slow and no response with keyboard, Touch screen icons recording wrong stock items during sale, screens going blank , pin pad's cancelling transactions after completed, non-responsive when card inserted, pin pad transactions having to be repeated a number of times due to connection failures

When did the incidents relating to the main issue or issues occur?
At random times over the last 4 years

What prior contact have you had with the Post Office in regard to the incidents/issues that you are now reporting?

All equipment malfunctions were reported at the time of the incident

How was the issue or issues resolved at the time they occurred?

In the case of the base unit problems of freezing, slow, keyboard not working I was told every time to reboot the system, regarding pin pad's I was told to run service utility checks every time and eventually I had 3 pin pads replaced over a period of time and 3 touch screens replaced and 2 printers replaced, all were replaced with dirty and unserviced used equipment, I was informed at the time the replacement equipment was taken from post offices that had closed some considerable time ago. 2 replacement screens did not work and the last one I had to thoroughly clean and remove dozens of sticky labels before I could use it when I complained to the engineer he said you are lucky it is a working one I would hang on to it.

What is the monetary value of the issue or issues you are now reporting?

£24,214.54

Were you the subject of either civil recovery action or criminal prosecution regarding the main issue or issues you are now reporting?

Not at this time

How were these actions against you (if any) resolved?

Ongoing

What is your explanation for the events forming the main issue or issues you are now reporting?

Rhigos post office is in a poor broadband area 1.4meg on a good day with frequent loss of communications at random times for vary periods sometimes seconds, minutes or longer, we have also suffered very frequent power dips (indicated by the lights dimming) and power cuts for the 5 years I have been here and many years before that according to customers (no UPS on the base unit) although reduced considerably during the last year, I would estimate the in-house equipment is at least 12 years old and has never been serviced, only replaced when faulty and then with used unserviced equipment, I had a number of unexplained shortages before the Horizon on line was installed which the previous postmistress had told me she had also experienced, but then after Horizon on line was installed I had a large shortage and after researching the forums online as to the possible causes and finding the post office had put people in prison and lost their homes and businesses with no investigation as to the causes by the post office I was too afraid to complain to the post office, the unexplained losses continued and I could not find the cause as I did not know where to look. I had 1/2 days training on Horizon on line and spent the next 3 months muddling my way through it to a workable level.

I had experienced problems with mobile top-ups not going through but then minutes later the customers phone received a message top up successful and I had not taken any money for the top-up, I was lucky this customer was still in the shop but this had happened many times before with customers leaving the shop without a top-up as far as I knew.

I had one customer withdraw their pension at the end of the day I had to do it a couple of times as I lost communication and the transaction was cancelled and then I experienced an unexplained shortage of a similar amount to the pension withdrawal when balancing minutes later, fortunately the customer was still shopping I asked him to check his balance no money had been withdrawn from his pension account but the system had said yes and I paid out. The present new contactless pin pad often cancels transactions after completing a transaction by stating the customer has cancelled by removing his card, but the card was still in the pin pad.

Did you request assistance from the Post Office regarding the issue or issues you are now reporting?

Regarding the equipment problems yes, as to the unexplained losses no, the Post office had already demonstrated they would never investigate the cause of the unexplained losses; they were only interested in prosecuting the subpostmaster and obtaining the false accounting balance generated by the Horizon on line system from the subpostmaster by any means possible.

What assistance if any was provided?

Reset advice on the equipment a number of times , then eventual replacement with more used equipment

Please attach additional sheets of paper if you require more space.

Declaration

I acknowledge that:

- As part of the Scheme, I must promptly provide information about my case to Second Sight. If I do not provide full information in a timely manner, I accept that it may not be possible to investigate or mediate my case.
- Information I provide about my case or the findings of Second Sight's investigation may help reach a resolution with Post Office but that it may also reveal further claims against me.
- I am only entitled to financial support from Post Office if I have signed a Funding Agreement.

I confirm that:

- My case relates to the Horizon system or an associated issue.
- Post Office may communicate details of my case to Second Sight, JFSA, my Member of Parliament and/or its professional advisors.
- The facts and matters set out in this Application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I confirm that I am:

☒ Currently serving as a Subpostmaster and have already raised my case with Post Office and have completed all Post Office's internal complaint processes.

☐ Not currently serving as a Subpostmaster.

(Please tick one box)

If you are unable to give all the above acknowledgements and confirmations, your case may not be eligible for the Scheme. In that circumstance, please contact the JFSA for assistance.

This Application Form and your involvement in the Scheme do not create any legally binding contract or obligations between Post Office and you.

The Working Group, its members and their advisors owe no obligations or duties, and accept no liability, to you in connection with the Scheme.

GRO

Signed

Name **Keith Jones**

Date **09/09/2013**