

Message

From: Ben Beabey [GRO]
on behalf of Ben Beabey [GRO]
Sent: 28/01/2020 16:53:19
To: Eamon McCarthy-Keen [GRO]; Nick Vamos [GRO]
CC: Rodric Williams [GRO]; Ben Beabey [GRO]
Subject: FW: CoH Spreadsheet - legal privilege/confidential/do not share this email
Attachments: LEA letter.docx; LEA letter.docx; CPS 14 area letter addresses.docx; Update Letter to Prosecutors on Horizon - Legal privilege/confidential/do not share; FW: the Horizon letter to Prosecutors final version legal privilege/confidential /do not share this email

Eamon, Nick and Rod

- Below/attached is the best synopsis I can get from Security of the various CPS/Horizon update letters starting, chronologically in December 2015.
- Attached are copies of the relevant letters so you all have them plus the cover privileged instructions from Legal to Security from October and December 2019.
- Attached is also a mail-merge document of the addresses of the CPS area offices which received the December 2019 letter; Chris says he got this list from the internet – do P&P have a definitive list – and can you check it went to Scotland, Wales and NI appropriately?
- You already should have the email from Chris with all the individual case-specific recipients of the December letter attached – please confirm.
- Chris has also confirmed to me: Chris' reference to "occasion" so far as the December 2015 letter is concerned should not be read as a "one off" occurrence of sending it out that date – rather, this version (Amy Quirk/Mark Raymond LEA letters) were "live" letters that were used from then, through 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 (up to October 2019) by Security on a case by case basis each and every time a Security Manager thought it appropriate/necessary – the criteria, broadly described to me by Chris, is that this letter would be provided to the authorities when:
 - In "investigation" type cases within the Branch – obviously those involving Horizon – but generally where the Police needed assistance to investigate what had gone on in the branch
 - These type of cases often involved allegations against an Assistant in the branch
 - The letter was not needed in cases of robbery or burglary for example.

In real terms this boils down to:

- Only the December 2019 letter went generically to CPS Area Offices.
- The previous update letters (prior to December 2019) were all sent on an individual basis case by case as described above/below.
- **Rod:** That does not sit 100% with the extract I highlighted to you; because it is not right to say letters went to all CPA Areas in September and October 2019: Post Office proactively informed the CPS of the potential for the GLO to impact upon CPS prosecutions via three letters sent out to every CPS Area in September, October and December 2019 respectively. Post Office Security sent copies of these letters directly to the Police and/or CPS employees responsible for this case.

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M: [GRO]

From: Christopher G Knight

Sent: 28 January 2020 16:32

To: Ben Beabey [GRO]

Subject: FW: CoH Spreadsheet - legal privilege/confidential/do not share this email

Hi Ben,

Below is agreed as per our telephone conversation a few minutes ago.

Regards,



Christopher G Knight

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From: Ben Beabey

Sent: 28 January 2020 16:28

To: Christopher G Knight [GRO]; Mark Raymond [GRO];

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Cc: Ben Beabey [GRO]; Rodric Williams [GRO]

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Dear Chris

We have spoken and I have annotated /amended your message below to reflect our conversation and added in the additional attachments - could you please confirm this message below from you to me is now accurate with the relevant attachments. Please "forward" your reply to me so it keeps all the attachments on this email chain.

Thanks

Ben



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Sent: 28 January 2020 15:58

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Subject: RE: CoH Spreadsheet - legal privilege/confidential/do not share this email

Hi Ben,

In relation to your questions;

1. The very first LEA letter (attached dated Dec 2015 from Amy Quirk (Mark Raymond's predecessor)) was for POL Security Managers to pass to the OIC of any case they were involved with. Unfortunately there was no definitive list of who / which cases these were sent to. There may be entries of the case log but to trawl through every single case log would be a mammoth task. This version was then updated with Mark Raymond's signature when he took over (also attached) and this version was dealt with in the same way by Security Managers.
2. The October LEA letter (attached along with the cover instructions sent from Legal to Security at the time 22/10/19) was again for SMs to pass to the OIC in cases they were dealing with. Again there was no central log but would be on the case log which would be a mammoth task to sift through.

On both of these occasions (the December 2015 Quirk/Raymond letter and the October 2019 letter), the letter would not have been sent to any CPS offices, only to cases being dealt with as liaison (more than likely Police)

3. The email instructions from Legal to Security from December 2019 is attached with the December letter. Also attached are the addresses of the CPS offices to which the December letter was sent. The letters only differed as they contained the address of the CPS office, the body of the letter was the same to all CPS offices. I have also already sent you as attachments all the individual letters as sent out in December to individual CPS/Police contacts on a case by case basis also.

I hope this helps,



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