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To be aware of likely horizon related coverage inertia tomorrow.

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Begin forwarded message:

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In terms of our response to the Mail and Mirror which are both asking v similar questions. i.e. Tom Brown and Susan Knight cases have both been dropped in the last 10 days. Is this a result of the interim report or is it a coincidence? Also, how many cases are pending?

I've checked with Angela and these cases have not been raised through the SS review so I'm proposing to go back with the response, below.

Susan – are you able to confirm the other two cases which have recently been dropped and also that they are not cases raised through the SS review, and therefore not currently part of the mediation process. The blog refers to Kym Wyllie and I believe there is one other. I ask as these may come up over the weekend.

The line re the review was cleared with Alan a couple of weeks ago so am using this to ensure we can get back to the media asap today.

Response:

The case/cases you mentioned is/are not part of the Second Sight review.

In line with the code for Crown Prosecutions we continually review cases for prosecution and in this instance/these instances a decision has been made it is not in the public interest to prosecute.

In terms of the SS review:

"The Post Office is committed to supporting its people and improving the way we do so. The interim review published recently by independent investigators Second Sight makes it clear that the Horizon computer system and its supporting processes function effectively across our network. As the review notes, it is used by around 68,000 people in more than 11,500 branches, successfully processing more than six million transactions every day. The review underlines our cause for confidence in the overall system. "

"We have already taken steps towards the commitments made in response to the interim report. We have worked with the JFSA to establish a working group to conduct a review of outstanding cases and work is underway to develop a mediation process for any of the 47 cases which have been raised as part of the Second Sight Review.

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