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Hello Martin - hope you are well.
Rod is away until next week but I understand you are aware that we are currently handling a Panorama investigation into the Horizon issue. We are currently putting together a response from their reporter to some of his lines of questioning. There is one area of questioning that we have not covered in any of our responses to date and I would be grateful for help and advice on it:

The disclosure of evidence about the Horizon system to expert witnesses for the defence in legal proceedings

There are a number of things we suspect are likely to be driving this area of questioning - the most obvious being that they will interview an expert witness who might claim he was not allowed to see the system properly or similar/ that we did not disclose information about alleged 'bugs'. One of the cases they are examining is Seema Misra, where an expert witness gave evidence, so it might be linked to that.
We will, I think, need a very straightforward line that simply demonstrates proper process rather than going into detail or referencing cases.
Happy to discuss - we need to respond quickly and are currently planning to do so on Monday.
We'll be circulating our complete response re all current questioning for sign-off of course.
Many thanks
Mel
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