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Our ref:

14 September 2021

Dear Sirs,

Re: Compliance with S17 notices issued by the Criminal Cases Review Commission ('CCRC') to Post Office Limited ('POL')

Many thanks for your detailed letter to Karen Kneller, dated 3 August 2021. Apologies for the delay in replying, but this has given us the chance to consider the contents of your letter in detail and to discuss the CCRC's position. Ms Kneller has asked me to reply on behalf of the CCRC.

The CCRC recognises and is grateful for the considerable breadth of the review which Peter & Peters has conducted on the subject of compliance with S17 notices (as described at paragraph 3 of your letter). It is clear to us that POL has treated this matter with the seriousness which it deserves.

The contents of your letter are noted and understood in their entirety. However, we note in particular the instances of non-compliance which are listed at paragraph 8 and the explanations for how those instances came to occur. The CCRC is reassured that such instances of non-compliance are unlikely to recur in the future for the reasons which you have explained. We also note your comment at paragraph 11 and agree that it is important that all of the issues were rectified and had no detrimental effect on any individual.

The CCRC also notes the additional categories and repositories of material which are set out at paragraph 9, and that you very fairly recognise that those materials should not have waited for the PCDE before being identified, reviewed and disclosed.

In relation to paragraph 16 of your letter, we are grateful for your explanation regarding current and future compliance with S17 notices. More generally, the CCRC is reassured from your letter that POL has taken steps to ensure compliance with S17 notices going forward, as requested in Karen Kneller's letter of 23 February 2021.

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In connection with paragraphs 18-21 of your letter, those matters are noted and on the face of it the CCRC is not minded to disagree with the approach you suggest, provided that you remain confident that your current searches will pick up all material relating to the convictions of the individuals named in S17 notices. However, we would be grateful if we could check our understanding of the matters you raise at paragraphs 18-21 by way of a more detailed discussion. I will leave my CCRC colleagues Miles Trent and Anona Bisping to pick up those points with you.

Finally, I would like to thank you again for the time which you have invested in looking into the CCRC's concerns regarding S17 compliance. The CCRC has taken reassurance from your letter, and we consider that we are now in a position to move forward in a positive spirit and with a good level of co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

The signature of Amanda Pearce is represented by the letters 'GRO' in a large, bold, black font, enclosed within a dashed rectangular border.

Amanda Pearce
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