



Information Rights Team
Post Office Limited

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Our reference: FOI201608250921

Mr Nic de Gaia

request-354670-f465473f@GRO

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Dear Mr de Gaia,

Freedom of Information Request - FOI201608250921

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 25 August 2016, which I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email, you have requested information in four parts:

How many post offices are there in the uk?

I can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested, the number of Post Offices as at 31 March 2016 were 11,643.

*How many subpostmasters are suspended in each year from 2010 onwards.
How many post masters are reinstated following suspension?*

Please find a table below containing the information you requested. However the reasons for a suspension are varied and will depend on their own particular facts and circumstances.

Financial Year	Postmasters Suspended	Postmasters Reinstated
2009/10	214	48
2010/11	193	54
2011/12	151	44
2012/13	188	57
2013/14	99	34
2014/15	84	21
2015/15	78	26
2016/17 to date	53	5

Please note that a postmaster may not necessarily be reinstated in the same financial year in which s/he was suspended.

Is there always a sum of money payable before or an agreement made to pay it before reinstatement?

Each case is considered on its own particular facts and circumstances.

How many subpostmasters have had charges filed against them for false accounting and inflating figures and or theft? Since 2010.

Please find a table below containing the information you requested with respect to prosecutions brought by Post Office Limited.

Financial Year	Number of Prosecutions
2010/2011	31
2011/2012	38
2012/2013	42
2013/2014	2
2014/2015	0
2015/2016	1
2016/2017	0

I hope the information I have provided on this occasion is useful, however if you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address below stating your reasons for your internal review request.

Information Rights Manager
Post Office Limited
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If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

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Telephone: **GRO**
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Martin Humphreys
Information Rights Team

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