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From: Paula Vennells [GRO]
on behalf of Paula Vennells [GRO]
Sent: 09/09/2014 17:42:22
To: Mark R Davies [GRO]
Subject: Re: Sparrow update

Mark, what is the essence of the coverage?
- (pls don't send link, doesn't work on iPad) thx P

Sent from my iPad

> On 9 Sep 2014, at 18:24, "Mark R Davies" [GRO] wrote:

> Dear all

> The report has also been carried on Radio Five. We are having robust conversations with the BBC on accuracy issues, and holding on our lines.

> Mark

> Mark Davies I Communications and Corporate Affairs Director

> 1st Floor, Banner Wing, 148 Old Street, London, EC1V 9HQ

[GRO]

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Neil McCausland [mailto:[GRO]]

> Sent: 09 September 2014 17:56

> To: Mark R Davies; 'Alice Perkins'; Paula Vennells; alasdairmarnoch [GRO]; Alwen Lyons; Chris M Day; virginia.holmes [GRO]; timfranklin [GRO]

> Subject: RE: Sparrow update

> Also on BBC Radio 2 news at 5

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mark R Davies [mailto:[GRO]]

> Sent: 09 September 2014 17:33

> To: Alice Perkins ([GRO]); Paula Vennells; alasdairmarnoch [GRO]; Alwen Lyons; Chris M Day; virginia.holmes [GRO]; Neil McCausland; timfranklin [GRO]

> Subject: FW: Sparrow update

> Dear all

> Further to my note on Friday, a report on the leak has been broadcast within the last few minutes on BBC Radio 4. It is inaccurate and clearly we will be challenging these inaccuracies.

> We will circulate a fuller update.

> Best wishes

> Mark

>> From: mark.r.davies [GRO]

>> To: alasdairmarnoch [GRO]; aliceperkins [GRO]

> alwen.lyons [GRO]; chris.m.day [GRO]; Neil McCausland

paula.vennells [GRO]; richard.callard [GRO]; timfranklin [GRO];

virginia.holmes [GRO]

>> CC: mark.r.davies [GRO]

>> christopher.ajard [GRO];




> gavin.lambert [GRO]; martin.edwards [GRO]; belinda.crowe [GRO]

> Subject: Sparrow update

> Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2014 15:43:18 +0000

>> Hi all

>> Further to Chris' update last week about Second Sight's "Part Two"

>> report,
> we have today been approached by a BBC North reporter who has clearly seen a
> copy of the Report and Post Office's subsequent letter to applicants. As
> Chris explained last week, we are well prepared for this eventuality.
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>> I understand that BBC North plan to run a story on Monday about the
> Report. We have a short but firm line on which we will hold. This will state that leak is highly
regrettable and not in interests of applicants, and confirm our position is that the report is
inaccurate.
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>> We will not comment further and it is essential we hold on that
>> position
> to avoid giving the story unnecessary oxygen. We will work hard to keep a lid on it, though clearly
other outlets, including those who have previously reported on the issue, may follow up on anything run
by BBC North.
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>> We are informing the Working Group as a matter of courtesy and making
>> it
> clear that Post Office will not be drawn into commenting on matters which are confidential to the
Scheme.
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>> I will monitor the situation closely and update you if the position
> changes.
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>> Best wishes,
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>> Mark
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