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**Sent:** 03/09/2013 21:25:29  
**To:** Paula Vennells [GRO]  
**CC:** Theresa Iles [GRO]; Martin Edwards [GRO]  
**Subject:** FW: Update for Paula

Paula – here is the update.

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**From:** Susan Crichton  
**Sent:** 30 August 2013 21:03  
**To:** Paula Vennells [GRO]  
**Cc:** Andy Holt; Angela Van-Den-Bogerd  
**Subject:** FW: Update for Paula

Paula – this update is relatively short as we covered much of the ground as part of the Steering Board on Thurs.

#### Mediation Process Launch

- Appointed CEDR (Centre of Effective Dispute Resolution) as Mediators
- Panel of independent advisors nearly finalised.
  - Panel will include over approx. 20 professionals made up of Accountants and Legal firms
  - Finding law firms who will act is proving problematic although we have 6 lawyers attending the briefing session, we will have to run another session to ensure geographic coverage.
- We are running a briefing/training day for the panel of independent advisors and mediator on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept in Birmingham. This will help make sure they are well informed before they are engaged for SPMR cases. I will chair the day, the JFSA are going to introduce the programme, Andy Parsons will cover the mediation process, and introduction to the Post Office and the horizon system will be presented by Angela and SS are preparing a case study.
- I have agreed with SS to cap their costs over the coming months. They have also agreed that subject to Angela and her team being able to provide the right level of investigative support to subpostmasters they will hand over the work to her, we are aiming to put that process in place by the end of the year.
- We have received 6 registration forms so far for the mediation scheme.

#### Working Party Terms of Reference

- Working Party TOR – The outstanding issue about whether SS have a vote is still progressing.

#### Independent Chair

- We currently have 5 potential candidates for the independent chair:
- Sir Antony Hooper
- Sir Alan Ward
- Sir Stephen Sedgley
- Catherine Bell
- Stephen Bligh
- I will send the JD and briefing pack separately You now have this.

### **Improvement Work stream**

- No updates since the Steering board. Meeting tomorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept for team will provide update by end of this week.

### **Legal and Adjudication of future case**

- Meeting was held with our external law firm who have been completing the criminal case review on Friday
- The issues that we want Brian Altman QC to advise on were agreed, final sign off of review process; and advice on prosecutions going forward.  
Conference agreed for 9<sup>th</sup> September where the focus will be on our prosecutorial obligations of disclosure of any information which may be of assistance to the defence. After this conference we will finalise the terms of reference for Brian Altman's review; this will include, amongst other things a consideration of POL's position re criminal prosecutions.

### **Technology**

- No updates since the steering board.