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As you know the CCRC is expected to make a decision on Tuesday about the criminal convictions that it's considering.

Separately POL has been taking legal advice and has already been advised that additional disclosure needs to be made to all those where Horizon could have played a part in the evidence at the time. There are approximately 570 of these cases. The additional disclosure relates as a minimum to the operation of the Horizon system and the judgement in the Horizon trial. In addition POL could well have to assess whether bugs/defects in the software affected balances in individual cases.

There appear to be three basic scenarios in terms of what CCRC could say in relation to the cases it is considering:

- No cases referred to the Court of Appeal
- Some, but not all cases referred to the Court of Appeal
- A general lack of disclosure by POL which could potentially lead to all the cases being reopened

The second and third are considered most likely.

POL is considering how it will respond and we'll get an update on Monday on their planning.

The lawyers are working on a couple of approaches to dealing with these cases now. One option is to try to find a way to handle these cases on a group basis and I expect we might need to discuss the outline of the options next week.

Tom

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