

Message

From: Paula Vennells [GRO]
on behalf of Paula Vennells [GRO] > [GRO]
Sent: 18/07/2012 06:49:12
To: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
CC: Theresa Iles [GRO]; Susan Crichton [GRO]
Subject: Re: PRINTED SubPostmasters and 2nd Sight

Thx. I imagine she and James aren't yet joined up on this. P

Sent from my iPad

On 18 Jul 2012, at 06:56, "Alwen Lyons" <[GRO]> wrote:

Paula just to let you know I have already been in touch with Janet and we have organised for her to send the list of offices she has so far over to me today. 2nd Sight are also contacting justice for subpostmasters to get their 'best' cases.

Thanks Alwen

Sent from Blackberry

From: Paula Vennells
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 10:50 PM
To: ARBUTHNOT, James <[GRO]>
Cc: Theresa Iles; Alwen Lyons
Subject: Re: PRINTED SubPostmasters and 2nd Sight

Dear James, no problem at all.

Theresa has been in touch with Janet and we have agreed that you should send any case details to our Company Secretary's office. Alwen will then be sure we liaise and track them all properly.

I am on holiday for two weeks from Friday, but Alwen and Theresa are here if there are any queries. And if we don't speak, I hope you have a good summer. Thank you again for your leadership on this.

Best wishes,

Paula

Sent from my iPad

On 17 Jul 2012, at 17:42, "ARBUTHNOT, James" <[GRO]> wrote:

Dear Paula,

Thank you for agreeing to this. I am very pleased, and will let the other MPs and Mr Bates know.

I wonder if you might advise what I ought to do with case details that are being forwarded to me from other MPs? I think we agreed that I can simply pass the details on to your office, and it would be helpful if I could begin doing so, as it will enable me to let the MPs know that their constituent's details have been

forwarded to the right place. Can you let me know please to whom these might be best directed?

Many thanks indeed.

Yours ever,

James

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From: Mia Porter [<mailto:>] **GRO** **On Behalf Of** Paula Vennells
Sent: 16 July 2012 16:57
To: ARBUTHNOT, James
Cc: Alwen Lyons; Susan Crichton; Theresa Iles
Subject: RE: PRINTED SubPostmasters and 2nd Sight

Dear James,

Absolutely no problem with this suggestion. Alwen will ensure the process is put in place.

Thank you as ever for your diligence and support for this review.

Kind regards
Paula

From: ARBUTHNOT, James [<mailto:>] **GRO**
Sent: 12 July 2012 19:01
To: Paula Vennells
Subject: PRINTED SubPostmasters and 2nd Sight

Dear Paula,

I have just completed a very good meeting with Ron and Ian from 2nd Sight, and Alan Bates from the Justice for SubPostmasters Alliance. Mr Bates was accompanied by a forensic accountant, Miss Kay Linnell. Both asked some challenging questions of Ron and Ian, which they answered to Mr Bates' and Miss Linnell's satisfaction.

However the other MPs and I take the view - which I think you share - that so far as we can we should ensure that as the investigation goes on it retains the

buy-in of the sub-Postmasters. To this end I should be grateful if you would agree to setting aside a small amount of money (capped at £5,000) for a forensic accountant nominated by the Alliance (likely to be Miss Linnell) to carry out sporadic review of 2nd Sight's findings. We discussed this at the meeting, and felt it would be the key to the entire process working for everyone - my constituents and those of other MPs, the SubPostmasters, and of course the Post Office and its reputation.

I should be most interested to hear your thoughts.

Yours ever

James

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