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on behalf of Alwen Lyons [GRO]
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CC: Paula Vennells [GRO]
Subject: James Arbuthnot and 2nd Sight

Alice

An update on what has happened today.

- Susan and I had a meeting with Ron and Ian from 2nd Sight this afternoon and they are coming in to meet Paula tomorrow at 15.00(I have offered to Paula that I could attend with her, but that will mean someone else minuting the ARC – I can sort that tomorrow)
- At the meeting this afternoon 2nd Sight were surprised that James now felt there was harder evidence against the system. They used the phrases; no evidence of widespread systemic failure; the number of cases we are seeing is small; the pattern aligns with the themes which are already in the public domain.
- They assured Susan and I that they intend to make it very clear on Monday that they have been 'consolidating and distilling allegations and that the Post Office have not had the opportunity to respond'
- Some of the evidence is plausible but is as yet untested.
- They are nervous about Monday, especially as it now emerges that Shoosmiths are attending the meeting. They know that loose language will be very unhelpful, and realise that they may end up in the press, which will not help the investigation.
- Simon is pulling together the facts for your letter to James and I have discussed with Mark , Paula also suggests that Martin Edwards would be a good person to input. So we will pull this together tomorrow.

Hope that is helpful.

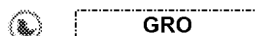
Paula or I will update you after our meeting with 2nd Sight tomorrow

Thanks

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