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on behalf of [GRO]
Sent: 03/11/2014 09:45:49
To: Ruth X Barker [GRO]
CC: Belinda Crowe [GRO]; Melanie Corfield [GRO]; Nina Arnott [GRO]
Subject: Re: PV interview with BBC

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Sent from my iPhone

On 3 Nov 2014, at 09:24, "Ruth X Barker" [GRO] wrote:

Hi Mark

I'd really like to go back to Nick today if possible.

Below is the suggested text agreed by Belinda/Mel.

Any questions please let me know.

Ruth

Thank you for your email requesting an interview with Paula Vennells, unfortunately we will not be able to agree to this.

First, as I am sure you realise that it would be wholly inappropriate for Post Office to discuss or speculate about serious, unsubstantiated allegations about miscarriages of justice in a media interview.

Second, as you know, the Complaints Review and Mediation Scheme, set up following the publication of Second Sight's report last year, is underway. Applicants are assured of confidentiality under the terms of the Scheme. Post Office cannot discuss individual cases publicly. Nor do we consider it to be in the interests of applicants or the Scheme to discuss matters which may be the subject of confidential mediation discussions. Having set up the Scheme it needs to be allowed to run its course.

We of course recognise that there is continued speculation about some of these issues and if you are planning to run a story, we would like the opportunity to consider providing a statement or answering specific questions if we can do so without breaching confidentiality or undermining the Scheme.