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# **CUSTOMER BRIEF – REACTIVE FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES [KIM ABBOT]**

### MESSAGES FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES TEAM

#### GROUP LITIGATION UPDATE - HORIZON JUDGMENT

You'll have seen the communications today about a High Court Judgment in the Post Office Group Litigation.

This Judgment, which focuses on our Horizon system, forms part of the preliminary stages in this extremely complex litigation. It raises a number of issues [and criticisms] which could cause concern.

Comprehensive communications being deployed across the business, including of course to everyone in the network. We have also issued a media statement and you can find that, together with further information on our intranet [link].

It is possible of course that customers might ask questions about it.

If we do get queries, we can reassure our customers:

- The products and services that Post Offices provide are not affected by the litigation
- We can be confident that overall Horizon is robust, comparing well with systems used by other retail and financial services companies every day this was confirmed by both independent experts in the litigation
- Horizon processes around 47 million transactions a week, more than £60 billion worth a year. These are reconciled every day, every month, every year with the systems of major organisations including high street banks, utility companies and Government departments
- Horizon's performance is continually monitored and we continue to work hard to make improvements wherever we can