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Our reference: FOI2020/00679

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21 September 2020

Dear Mr Bates,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2020/00679

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 21 August 2020, which I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email you have requested the following information:

At the end of a six month investigation, in October 2013 Detica Limited, part of BAE Systems, produced a 51 page report entitled 'Fraud and Non-conformance in the Post Office; Challenges and Recommendations - G-119 Fraud Analysis' which was referred to during a High Court litigation action last year.

Would you please answer the following questions in relation to that report:-

*Who or which committees commissioned the production of this report?
Who or which committees received a copy of this report?*

Please supply copies of all minutes from meetings where this report was discussed within Post Office.

With respect to your first question, Detica's October report ("**the Report**") was commissioned by John Scott (then Head of Security) as the project sponsor and Susan Crichton (then Legal and Compliance Director) as the sponsoring director.

We note that your second question is very broad. Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") has carried out searches it considers to be reasonable and proportionate to identify those who received a copy of the Report. These searches indicated that the following individuals received the Report:

- John Scott (then Head of Security)
- Chris Day (then Chief Financial Officer)
- Chris Aujard (then interim General Counsel)
- Angela Van-Den Bogerd (then People & Change Director)
- Lesley Sewell (then Chief Information Officer)
- Paul Bleasby (then interim Chief Technology Officer)

In addition to the above, there are a number of other individuals who we identified as having received the Report but whose names we have withheld under section 40(2) and section 40(3A)(a) FOIA. These sections provide that any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data and the disclosure of that personal data to a member of the public otherwise than

under the FOIA would contravene any of the data protection principles (set out in Article 5(1) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Section 40(7) of the FOIA)). Post Office has therefore withheld the names of individuals where such disclosure to you would contravene the 'lawfulness, fairness and transparency' principle set out at Article 5(1)(a) of the GDPR. Post Office considers that it has no lawful basis on which to disclose to you this withdrawn personal data since none of the lawful bases listed under Article 6(1) of the GDPR are available to it.

In relation to your request for minutes, Post Office has carried out searches it considers to be reasonable and proportionate to identify minutes of meetings where the Report was discussed. We have not identified any responsive minutes as yet but we are still continuing our search and will respond should those searches prove successful. From our review of correspondence and records it appears that the Report was to be discussed by the Executive Committee.

If you have any queries about this response, please contact me. Do remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I hope the information I have provided on this occasion is useful, however if you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address below stating your reasons for your internal review request.

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If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
<https://ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,



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