

Date 06 June 2024

Post Office 100 Wood Street London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/00780

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 9 May, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email you have requested the information shown verbatim in bold below:

"Email title: "Use by POL of Law Firm Smith Bowyer Clarke"

From 2016 to the present can you say what years you have used this firm and how much they were paid in each year. If they were never used simply state that. If they are on a retainer or fixed annual payment whether used or not please make this clear and the cost involved. In short how much has this Firm received from Post Office?"

We can confirm that Post Office does not hold the information you have requested.

Following a search of our records, we can confirm we have no record of the company "Smith Bowyer Clarke" being paid by Post Office.

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 above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing <u>information.rights@postoffice.co.uk</u>.

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 www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

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