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Date
9 September 2024

[REDACTED]
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Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification:
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Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01115

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 11 August, 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:

“**[Freedom of Information request - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]**”

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Who was the GC at the time, was Jarnail Singh the Head of Legal and who was the specialist lawyer within the group of ten who dealt with Criminal Law?”

We can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested. We have interpreted your request for information “at the time” as referring to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], which was the month that [REDACTED] joined Post Office.

When Post Office separated from Royal Mail Group in April 2012 Susan Crichton’s role was Legal and Compliance Director, and from July 2013 her role changed to General Counsel. This can be found from paragraph 14 onwards in her Post Office Horizon IT (“POHIT”) Inquiry witness statement at the following link:

<https://www.postofficehorizoninquiry.org.uk/evidence/witn00220100-susan-crichton-witness-statement>

We can confirm that Jarnail Singh was not the “Head of Legal” referred to by [REDACTED], but he was “the specialist lawyer” dealing with Criminal Law referred to by [REDACTED]. This information can be found in paragraph 7 of Mr Singh’s POHIT Inquiry witness statement at the following link:

<https://www.postofficehorizoninquiry.org.uk/evidence/witn04750100-jarnail-singh-first-witness-statement>

As the information you have requested is reasonably accessible to you by other means and considered publicly available, under section 21 of the FOIA, Post Office are not required to provide a copy of the information with this response. However under section 16 and our duty to advise and assist we have provided context and a means in which you can locate the information requested.

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 information.rights@postoffice.co.uk.

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,

Information Rights Team

information.rights@postoffice.co.uk

<https://corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/governance/access-to-information/access-to-information/>

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