

Date 21 May 2024

Post Office 100 Wood Street London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification: Public

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/00543

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("Post Office") on 2 April, 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. We can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested.

"With reference to the Grant Framework Agreement, the Data Sharing document & FOIR

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/questions_on_data_sharing_to_fac regarding NFSP Ltd.

Could you please supply the last date & number of members, NFSP Ltd provided to POL?

Date	Numbers, including outreach branches run by members and branches run by multiple partners who have opted to join the NFSP.
February 2024	8,245

Also could you please list all the branch names, NFSP Ltd supplied to POL on this date?"

We confirm that Post Office does hold the information that you have requested, but we have decided that the information should be withheld under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to other persons. These sections exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because Postmasters would not reasonably expect their membership of NFSP to be disclosed in relation to this request for information".

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

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