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Date
24 October 2024

[REDACTED]

Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification:
Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2024/01323

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 2 October, 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:

“I am looking to establish the outcome of an investigation at the above office circa 2011 and would like the name of the postmaster investigated, the outcome and the police officer/s involved.

The Matter is now public knowledge since Horizon witness testimony of investigator [REDACTED].

Please consider this and FOI or data protection request or courtesy public service provider as the individuals are public servants and would be readily available in 2011 via name badges and collar numbers,

Any handwriting samples of police officers on file would also be appreciated lest [REDACTED] memory loss continues,

Thanks in advance”

We can confirm that Post Office does hold some information in scope of your request. We have decided that the name of the postmaster investigated, the

outcome of the investigation, and the names of the police officers involved, 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 the postmaster and police officers involved would not reasonably expect their names to be disclosed in relation to this request for information.

We do not hold any handwriting samples of Police Officers on file. Under section 16 of FOIA (advice and assistance) you may wish to redirect your request to [South Yorkshire Police](#) who may hold the information you are looking for.

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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