

Case Reference	Case Title	Wording of Request	Response Date	Outcome
FOI2024/00547	FOI - Project Venus	<p>I am aware that the report of an investigation into financial irregularities in the affairs of one or more Non Executive Directors was submitted to Henry Staunton, Nick Read, and I assume others, before Mr Staunton left the business.</p> <p>This was referred in papers in the context of the recent work of the House of Commons Select Committee following Mr Staunton's departure. I understand the investigation was given its own name, Project Venus.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you could:</p> <p>Provide me with a copy of the investigation report, bearing in mind the overriding public interest in ensuring the highest standards of probity in the governance of Post Office Ltd, a publicly owned company, especially in the wake of the Horizon Scandal</p> <p>Provide me with a copy of any summary, or edited/redacted version, of that report</p> <p>Provide me with the covering emails which show who the first internal recipients of the report were (including names at senior level)</p> <p>Provide me with the covering emails which show any subsequent distribution of the report which presumably includes all members of the Board (including names at senior level)</p> <p>Provide me with the emails showing the sharing of that report with UKGI and the Department for Business & Trade (including names of originators, recipients and copy addressees at senior levels)</p> <p>Provide me with any disclosure of the fact of the investigation as may be required by Government as Post Office's single shareholder or by law and regulation</p>	20/01/2025	Refused in part - S. 31, S. 40, S. 42, S. 43
FOI2024/01458	FOI - Investigations of [REDACTED]	<p>You may remember my previous request for information FOI2024/00776.</p> <p>You were unable to provide some requested info due to an exemption to confirm or deny for data protection reasons. However, on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] confirmed at the public inquiry that he had been investigated 5 times. As that is now publicly known information, I would ask you to please provide any documentation (redacting others personal information is fine), showing whether these were external or internal, if internal if they were made by any individual or team that is or has ever been classed as reporting either directly or indirectly to [REDACTED]. Also please provide any documentation outlining the basis of the complaint, a summary of reasons and also the outcome and whether any are still ongoing.</p>	20/01/2025	Refused in part - S. 31, S. 40
FOI2024/01511	FOI - McColls Audits & Closures, Losses and Shortfalls	<p>i) How many Sub-Postmasters / Managers / Counter Staff employed directly by McColls stores are known to have been removed from their employment as Managers of Branch sub Post Offices in McColls stores on grounds of alleged shortfalls in their Post Office Horizon branch accounts as discovered by POL audit since 1999?</p> <p>ii) How many Post Office branches in McColls stores have been temporarily closed due to unexplained discrepancies in branch accounts found by POL audit since 1999?</p> <p>ii) How many shortfalls discovered by POL audit in branch accounts at McColls have been in excess of £1,000 since the rollout of Horizon in 1999?</p>	15/01/2025	Information not held

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FOI2024/01567	FOI - Changes at Evington Post Office	<p>Thank you for your response to my Freedom of information Request dated 5th November 2024.</p> <p>Firstly, in respect of my first question I am incredulous that you do not hold information on the numbers of people for or against proposed change and do not think your claiming to have agreed 'Principles of Community Engagement' as agreed with Citizens Advice negates your responsibility to conform to the Gunning Principles.</p> <p>Thus, I would like answers to the following questions under the Freedom of Information Act: -</p> <p>IWhat responsibility does the Post Office have under Common Law to adhere to the 'Gunning Principles'?</p> <p>IIHow does the Post Office discharge its duties to ensure "the results of consultation must be conscientiously taken into account" if it is unaware of the numbers of people for or against proposed change?</p>	07/01/2025	Refused in part - S. 40
FOI2024/01582	FOI - Non-Participating Post Offices for Allwyn National Lottery Licence	<p>I am hoping you can direct me to the correct person to speak too unless of course you can supply the information yourselves</p> <p>I am looking for a list of the post offices that did not sign up to the new Allwyn license in respect of the National Lottery as I would like to contact them all directly</p>	09/01/2025	Information not held
FOI2024/01612	FOI - Post Service in Coleshill, Warwickshire	<p>Coleshill Town Council has made formal complaints to the Corporate Affairs Manager for this area about the recent and ongoing poor (or lack of) postal services in Coleshill, High Street, Warwickshire. A similar complaint has been made to One Stop (part of Tesco) which has the franchise to offer these services in the town.</p> <p>Can I now formally request a Freedom of Information request for month by month data for the Coleshill Post Office from January 2024 to November 2024 (and December 2024 to date) for the following statistics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of transactions undertaken by counter staff for each month 2. Total pounds value of transactions undertaken by counter staff for each month 3. Number of counter staff hours offered for each month 4. Number of trading hours offered for each month (less than 3 above due to closed hours during the day) 5. Number of complaints received for each month. 	09/01/2025	Refused in part - S. 43

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FOI2024/01627	FOI - Taxpayer Money on Legal Advice	<p>Please disclose.</p> <p>1) The total amount of taxpayers' money spent defending the post office at the inquiry into the wrongful prosecution of its workers.</p> <p>2) The total amount of taxpayers' money spent prosecuting its workers between 1999 and the current date.</p> <p>3) The total amount of taxpayers' money spent defending compensation claims brought by former employees between 1999 and the current date.</p> <p>Best estimates of these totals are acceptable.</p>	23/01/2025	Granted in full
FOI2024/01635	FOI - Post Office in Languages	<p>What is the name of the Post Office in the following languages that are recognised as minority languages by the UK government:</p> <p>Cornish Gaelic Irish Scots Ulster Scots Welsh</p>	22/01/2025	Granted in full
FOI2024/01653	FOI - NFSP Grant Thornton Survey & Report	<p>My understanding is that Post Office Ltd has paid for a Future of the NFSP survey & report by Grant Thornton.</p> <p>Ref: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=PyUjt4Fy3Eq8HPye82dNeOjhWn7kMI1HtdmDb3OoFZUODNaWTQxQlIQNDdFV0RZQThZSUGxRTE3TCQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl</p> <p>Also Post Office Ltd has received the complete report.</p> <p>Please can you confirm the above? Also, could you tell me how many branches filled out the survey? Could you also release the full report, please?</p>	07/01/2025	Information not held
FOI2024/01657	FOI - Registered Dog Bites	<p>My dissertation title is: "A Critical Examination of the Dangerous Dogs Act: Social Perceptions, Public Safety, and the Stigmatization of Canine Breeds"</p> <p>Due to this I would be required to analyse data regarding dog breeds and the risk and harm that was inflicted on individuals. The nature of data required would only consist of dog breed, size of dog and the type of injury sustained (example: bite, pushed over, etc).</p> <p>The data requested would be:</p> <p>Registered dog bites between 2020 -2023 Breed of dog (if known) Size of bite (if known)</p>	28/01/2025	Information not held
FOI2024/01658	FOI - Total Postmasters/By Gender	<p>Request: Total number of postmasters in UK 2024 or most recent data Total number of female and male postmasters UK.</p>	24/01/2025	Granted in full

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FOI2025/00003	FOI - Correspondence Allan Leighton/Horizon/Prosecutions 2001-2009	<p>I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:</p> <p>Please carry out electronic searches of Post Office emails using the following keywords: (1) "Leighton" and "Horizon"; and (2) "Leighton " and "prosecut*" (the * captures any variations of the word that starts with "prosecut", so for example, "prosecute" or "prosecution").</p> <p>Please limit the above searches to the period 2001 to 2009. If further refinement is required so as not to exceed the time or cost limit, please limit this to 2008 to 2009.</p> <p>In the event that you exercise an exemption on any of the above data, please could you supply me with the dates of any correspondence.</p> <p>There is a clear legitimate public interest in this disclosure. Allan Leighton held a senior position during a period when concerns about Horizon were raised and postmasters were prosecuted based on faulty data.</p>	30/01/2025	Refused in part - S. 40