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Your reference: Our reference: FOI2023/00008

Mr John O'Sullivan request-929523-3a74f08c@whatdotheyknow.com

6 February 2023

Dear Mr O'Sullivan,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2023/00008

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 9 January, 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 in bold below:

"Can you explain what the answer "No Information held" means please?

Can you show all correspondance between yourselves and the NFSP concerning the 2015 Articles of Association."

We can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested.

To clarify what "no information held" means, in our previous response letter under FOI2022/00822, we stated that Post Office held no information regarding your question which asked: "Can you say if the NFSP contacted you for advice, guidance or help in drafting their Articles of Association?". We can confirm that we were unable to locate any information to show that the NFSP contacted Post Office for advice, guidance or help with drafting the Articles of Association, established in 2015.

Regarding correspondence between Post Office and the NFSP about the Articles of Association, we have located two email chains that fall within scope. Please find these documents accompanying this response letter.

Please note, that we have redacted names and personal data under sections 40(2) and 40(3A) of the FOIA as the information constitutes personal data relating to persons other than you. 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 information relates to non-Group Executive members of staff who would not



reasonably expect their personal details to be disclosed in relation to this request for information.

We have not provided draft versions of the Article of Association as the finalised version is reasonably accessible to you by other means, and section 21 of the FOIA exempts Post Office from providing a copy of the information with this response. This can be found at the following link on the NFSP website (the link to the document is in the first line of the final paragraph):

https://nfsp.org.uk/about-us/about-us

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 below stating your reasons for your internal review request.

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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

https://ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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