



Mr Brent Jay
request-1037925-3d7b5c1b@whatdotheyknow.com

Date
27 October 2023

Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 9ER

Your Ref:

Classification:
Public

Dear Mr Jay,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2023/00595

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 15 October 2023, 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:

“Please could you give me a list of the types of branches by contract, broken down into sub types & how many there where at the beginning of the 2023 financial year.

Examples:

Main

Local Plus

Local

Sub Post Office

Community

Traditional

Modified

Outreach type ...

Outreach type ...

Mailwork

Drop & Collect etc.

& also

Main with mailwork



Main with Outreach type ... etc”

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

You may be aware that the Post Office has a statutory duty to present to Parliament an annual Network Report (pursuant to section 11 of the Postal Services Act 2011).

You can find the most recent Network Report on our Corporate website via the following link: corporate.postoffice.co.uk/en/governance/key-reports-statements/network-report/.

We are however not obliged to provide information if the information held is intended for future publication and as such this information is exempt under section 22(1)(a) of the Act.

1) Information is exempt information if:

- a) The information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
- b) The information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and
- c) It is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

Section 22 allows for circumstances when it is reasonable and correct for public authorities to delay the provision of information until it is made generally available through publication.

The Network Report for the year ending March 2023 will be published on our website in the next few weeks.

I note your request refers to “the beginning of the 2023 financial year.” The Network Report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 is likely to be published in late 2024..

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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