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Your reference:  
Our reference: FOI2021/00353

Mr Paul Regan  
request-750074-d16ae576@whatdotheyknow.com

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Regan,

### **Freedom of Information Request – FOI2021/00353**

I am writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited ("**Post Office**") on 23 April, which I am dealing with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

In your email you have requested the information shown in bold below. I can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested.

#### **I would like to know when the last time Post Office attempted a prosecution.**

Post Office Limited last prosecuted an individual in 2019. This prosecution was not branch related and did not relate to or rely on any evidence from Horizon.

#### **I would also like to know the last time a Sub-postmasters unwilling or unable to make good any reported shortfalls was prosecuted.**

Post Office Limited's prosecution records are incomplete. It is not possible to determine in any given case whether the person who was prosecuted was unwilling or unable to make good a shortfall, nor when the last such circumstances arose. The last time a postmaster was prosecuted by Post Office Limited in relation to a shortfall identified within their branch was 2015. Post Office Limited does not know, however, whether any postmasters have been prosecuted in relation to shortfalls at their branch by any other prosecuting entity (e.g. the Crown Prosecution Service) subsequent to 2015.

If you have any queries about this response, please contact me. Do remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

I hope the information I have provided on this occasion is useful, however 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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[information.rights@postoffice.co.uk](mailto: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  
<https://ico.org.uk>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JA Lawrence". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Jackie Lawrence  
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