



Date
26 November 2025

Post Office
100 Wood Street
London EC2V 7ER

Your Ref:

Classification:
Public

Dear [REDACTED],

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2025/00878

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (**"Post Office"**) on 24 November 2025, 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 seeking information regarding the officially licensed operators (subpostmaster) for the Post Office for the years 2016 to 2017 at the following address:

**Sunlea Stores
17 Hookergate Lane
High Spen
Rowlands Gill
Tyne & Wear
NE39 2BE**

Please could you confirm the name(s) of the individual(s) registered as licence holder(s) during this period?"

We confirm that Post Office does hold the information that you have requested, but we have decided that the information 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 personal data because the individual(s) involved would not reasonably expect their name(s) to be disclosed in relation to this request for information.

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

0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Team
information.rights@postoffice.co.uk
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