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From the Director

Dr Christonher Davies	

20th February 2008

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I am writing with some details about the PCC in case anyone at your school – teacher or pupil – has been subject to unwanted approaches by journalists or wishes to complain about press coverage of the recent suicides in South Wales. The press is entitled to report on unusual or premature deaths, but publication must be handled sensitively at times of grief and shock and, in cases of suicide, must not include excessive detail about the method used.

Additionally, the PCC runs a 24 hour service for anyone who feels harassed by a journalist or wants advice about how to deal with potential inquiries from the press. I am enclosing some sample leaflets and a copy of the Code of Practice which set out in more detail what we can do.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you think we can be of any further assistance.

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