

PCC website (www.pcc.org.uk)

In addition to an introduction and explanation of what the Press Complaints Commission is and how it works, the existing PCC website provides three key areas of information:

- A searchable public record of PCC rulings;
- Information about the complaints process (including the option to make a complaint via an online form);
- Information about our communications, events, outreach work and training.

Cases are added to the site on a daily basis and are featured on the homepage in the 'latest news' section. Members of the Inquiry may wish to browse through the complaints via the following links:

- Adjudicated complaints: <http://www.pcc.org.uk/cases/adjudicated.html>
- Resolved complaints: <http://www.pcc.org.uk/case/resolved.html>

Resolved and adjudicated cases can also be accessed via a search facility, which enables the reader to search the following features of a case:

- Publication title;
- Clause(s) of the Editors' Code of Practice;
- PCC decision (i.e. whether it was resolved or adjudicated);
- Whether or not it was a complaint about editorial audio-visual material;
- Keyword (as appropriate).

This 'advanced search' facility is available via a link in the top right corner of the homepage.

We have been working on a major project to completely overhaul the website which will categorise complaints by the date which they were concluded by the PCC. More information about this is given below. Until December 2009, complaints were tagged by a PCC biannual report number (hard copies of which have been made available to members of the Inquiry). More recent complaints are now tagged on the website with the date that they were concluded.

Approximately two years ago, we began publishing monthly complaints summaries (uploaded as pdf documents) in order to provide as much information as we can about all complaints handled by the Commission. These provide a short summary of *every* complaint concluded by the PCC in a given month, including those that are found not to raise a breach of the Code, those that are outside the Commission's remit, and those that are not pursued by the complainant. These monthly summaries are available at <http://www.pcc.org.uk/cases/monthlysummaries.html>

The new website project we are working on will enable all the information contained in these summaries to be captured by the advanced search facility, in order to provide a more integrated set of data.

Other parts of the current site that might be of particular interest are:

- Making a complaint: <http://www.pcc.org.uk/complaints/makingacomplaint.html>
- Advice on particular areas of the Editors' Code: http://www.pcc.org.uk/code/advice_for_complainants.html
- Press releases: <http://www.pcc.org.uk/news/press.html>
- External relations: <http://www.pcc.org.uk/externalrelations/index.html>

New PCC website

The PCC has commissioned a new website in order to improve the online information it provides to the public. The new website will encompass a range of new features, including:

- An entirely revised complaints form, which will streamline the complaints process for the public, and better capture the information needed by the PCC to process a complaint;
- A fully integrated and searchable online database, which will allow interested parties to search PCC decisions since 1996;
- The prominent display on the homepage (and throughout the site) of information about the PCC's 24 hour anti-harassment service. Given the importance of this service – and the number of times it is used by the public – it is crucial that this is easy to find;
- A dedicated section on our outreach and training work.

Overall, the intention is to simplify the navigation; better present PCC news and events; and showcase in more detail some of the key policy areas that we work on, such as social networking and children.

Screengrabs of the new website, which are divided into different templates, are included.

Please direct any questions to catherine.speller@pcc.org.uk.



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We also train journalists and editors, and work pro-actively to prevent harrasment and media intrusion.

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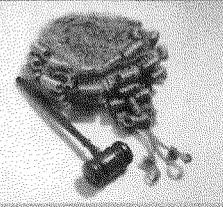
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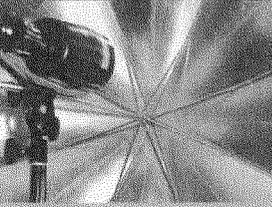
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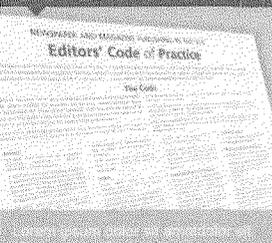
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Three new public appointments to the Commission announced

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Resolved - Baroness Greenfield v The Sunday Telegraph

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Resolved - A man v Daily Record

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Resolved - Mr John Martin v The Daily Telegraph

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Clare Hayes v Bournemouth Echo

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PCC at The Centre for Law Justice and Journalism
LONDON

Baroness Buscombe, Chairman of the PCC will be speaking at The Centre for Law Justice and Journalism Annual Lecture at City University

01 APRIL 2011
PCC Open Day
CARLISLE

Members of the public are invited to a free Open Day and Q & A event to discuss the media

01 APRIL 2011
Reporting Mental Health
IPSWICH

The Press Complaints Commission has held the latest in its ongoing series of seminars to examine relevant matters of media ethics and practice

01 APRIL 2011
Public Meeting
CARLISLE

The Press Complaints Commission will be holding a public meeting in Carlisle on Tuesday 10 May 2011

01 APRIL 2011
Newspaper Seminar
MANCHESTER

On 24 May 2007 the PCC held a seminar for journalists at the Manchester Evening News. Over forty journalists - from both the MEN and a number of its

01 APRIL 2011
Open day
NOTTINGHAM

The PCC undertook its first public visit to the East Midlands recently when it held an Open Day and Question Time event in Nottingham

01 APRIL 2011
Public Meeting
OXFORD

The PCC has held the ninth in its series of public meetings. Held in Oxford, at the Town Hall, the meeting saw representatives from...

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Subterfuge Newspaper Seminar
GLASGOW

The PCC has held the latest in its series of training seminars for journalists. The evening event - attended by over 25 national newspaper journalists

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Is your complaint about:

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A story about you that you are worried is about to be published?

An article published in a UK newspaper or magazine?

An article published on the website of a UK newspaper or magazine?

An audio recording or video footage published on a UK newspaper or magazine website?

Online material which is NOT on a UK newspaper or magazine website?

An advert (including adverts published in newspapers and magazines)?

A TV or radio programme?

A legal or contractual matter?

A matter of taste or decency?

An article published in a newspaper or magazine based outside the UK?

A book?

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Please enter your personal details

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Last name:

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What does your concern involve?

- A publication (Please fill in the about publication section below)
- Harrassment (Continue to 'How the code has been breached')

About the publication

In order to make an assessment of your concern, we will need to see a copy of the article you are complaining about. If the article appeared online, you can either paste a link of the URL in the box immediately below, or upload a screengrab of the article in the section below. If you would prefer to submit a hard copy of the article (or if the article you are complaining about only appeared in the print edition of the publication), you can send this to us in the post. We will give you our address at the end of this complaints form.

Publication:

Date the article was published:



Headline:

Url of article:

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Please upload any other relevant information to help us assess your complaint, for example any correspondence you may already have had with the editor, or any other relevant articles. **Please do not upload your letter of complaint to the PCC at this stage; you will be able to do this in the next stage of this form.** You can upload a maximum of three attachments here. However, please only upload information that is strictly necessary to your complaint. If you need to send us more supporting documentation, there will be an option to send this by email at the end of this form.

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Publication Daily Mail

Headline 1:

Date of article: 20/06/10

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Please note if you did not supply the article you are complaining about as a link or attachment to the submitted form, you will need to send a copy either by email or a hard copy in the post to us within seven days. If this is not received we will assume you do not wish to pursue your complaint and will take no further action on this matter. Our postal address is PCC, Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London EC1N 2JD.

Do you need to send us further attachments to support your complaint?

If you need to send us further attachments to support the complaint you have just made, please click [here](#). This will open your default mail client and pre-populate the necessary information for you. Please only send us information that is strictly necessary to your complaint.

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