

PCC **ADJUDICATION**

MR ADAM Sheppard complained to the Press Complaints Commission that an article headlined "Muslim-only public loos", published in the Daily Star on 15 July 2010, was inaccurate and misleading in breach of Clause 1 (Accuracy) of the Editors' Code of Practice. The complaint was upheld. The front-page article reported that a Rochdale shopping centre had installed "Muslim-only squat-hole loos", and that the local council had wasted "YOUR money" on them. The complainant – who did not represent Rochdale Council or the Rochdale Exchange Centre, neither of whom had complained to the Commission – said that it was inaccurate to say that the tolets were "Muslim-only": the facilities, which were common to many countries, would be available to all. In addition, the decision to pay for the "Nile pans" was taken by the shopping centre itself, rather than the local council. It did not therefore involve taxpayers' money.

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The newspaper said that while non-Muslims could have used the loos—they were designed with Muslims in mind. Nonetheless, it accepted that the headline was inaccurate in that non-Muslims would be free to use the tolets. It also accepted that the loos were paid for by a private developer. It suggested the publication of the following correction on Page 2, in addition to the removal of the article from its website:

Our 15 July article said that squat style loos at Rochdale Exchange Centre were for Muslims only and were a waste of the council's money. We are pleased to make clear that the loos may be used by non-Muslims and that they were paid for by the developer.

The complainant asked for the newspaper to publish an apology.

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In this prominent story, there were two clear errors of fact which, in the circumstances, would have misled readers in a wnich, in the circumstances, would have misled readers in a significant manner: the toilets could not be described as "Muslim only"; and were not paid for by the local council. While the newspaper had accepted that the article was wrong—and offered to correct the item—the Commission was particularly concerned at the lack of care the newspaper had taken in its presentation of the story. This led to a breach of Clause I of the Code which makes clear that newspapers must "take care not to publish inaccurate, misleading or distorted information". The complaint was upheld.





TEARS: Mum Ellen and sister Ceri

Spook is laid

THE funeral of MI6 spy Gareth Williams was held in his home town in Angelsey yesterday. The codebreaker's naked

The codebreaker's naked body was found zipped into a padlocked holdall in the bathroom of his London flat last month. Metropolitan Police are still investigating his "complex" and "unexplained" death. Hundreds gathered at the Bethel Chapel in Holyhead to pay tribute to the 31-year-old, who was described as a "quiet but hanny except." Mr Williame! described as a "quiet bu happy person". Mr Willia

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parents, Ellen and lan were supported at the service by their daughter Ceri, 28. Among the mourners were the Head of MI6, Sir John

the Head of Mis, Sir John Sawers, and colleagues from GCHQ, the Government's base in Chellenham, and the Secret Intelligence Service. His former headleacher Islwyn Williams, of Ysgol Morswyn primary school, also paid tribute to him.

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Bulgarian passport farce

BRITAIN has been warned to prepare for a wave of new immigrants after Bulgaria issued half a milion Pauper's Passports.

Ministers there will hand out citizenship to people from outside Europe who can prove they have Bulgarian heritage.

Poverty-stricken migrants from countries such as Ukraine and Moldova are expected to take up the Bulgarian offer.

And the EU passport will give them the right to live and work in Britain.

At the moment Britain has controls

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on the number of citizens from Bulgaria and Romania, which joined the EU in 2007, who can work here. But these measures only last until next year. After 2013 Bulgarians will be given the right to free movement. Migrationwatch head Sir Andrew Green said: "At present EU countries are free to issue passports to whoever they please. This has to stop." Immigration Minister Damian Green said that the Coalition Government is ainling to introduce "a permanent cap" on migrants.



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TODAY: Eastern parts of England and Scotland will be rather cloudy and windy with a few showers, mainly near coasts. The rest of the UK will be dry with the best of the sunshine across western areas western areas. Feeling chilly for September.

OUTLOOK: England and Wales will turn cloudy from the east tomorrow with rain in central and eastern areas. Fine elsewhere. Rain will spread to all areas by Monday.



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