

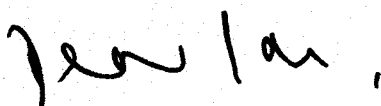
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**Press Complaints Commission**

*From the Director*

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**Charter Compliance Panel recommendation**

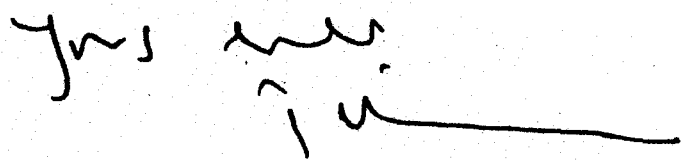
I am just writing following a recommendation from the Charter Compliance Panel, which is concerned that some editors are not highlighting to people who complain to them directly that the PCC exists. Its annual report – to be published within the next few weeks – will include the following recommendation:

“Unlike many other complaints schemes, a complainant whose complaint is rejected by the newspaper is not necessarily told about the PCC, and its time limits for complaints. We suggest that the Code Committee might seek the agreement of editors to making this a standard practice, together with regular slots in their newspapers giving basic information about contacting the PCC”.

The report was received by the Commission at its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Sir Christopher Meyer agreed to pass it to you so that the Code Committee could consider whether this is something that could be incorporated into the Code. The Commission regarded it as a development that could only strengthen the position and credibility of self-regulation, but it is of course a matter for the Code Committee.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards.



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