

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

From the Chairman

The Rt. Hon. Tessa Jowell MP
Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport
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Dear Tessa,

I am writing in order to follow up our telephone conversation about the anniversary of the 7/7 bombings.

As you know, the PCC was in contact with your department in the lead-up to the day, and issued a note to editors, highlighting the families' wish to be allowed to grieve in private. We also sent – through the DCMS – copies of our literature that deals with possible harassment from the press, and includes contact details for the PCC's 24-hour emergency pager.

We have received no complaints, or contact on that pager, about newspaper behaviour on the day. Indeed, it was notable that we received no complaints of harassment or intrusion after the bombings themselves last year.

I would be grateful if you could let me know whether there were any issues relating to press conduct that arose on the day of the anniversary. Any information would be useful for the PCC for future reference.

In fact, if someone from DCMS would like to discuss the lessons learned from the experience, do please let us know. One of our Assistant Directors, Stephen Abell, has been liaising with various parties on the issue, and would be happy to arrange a meeting, if you feel it would be of use.

With kind regards.

*Yours ever,
Christopher*

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