

**PCC announces new appointment**

Jonathan Collett has been appointed to a new position of Director of Communications at The Press Complaints Commission.

He takes up his position on 23rd November and will develop and direct communications strategy for the PCC and promote the press regulatory system to politicians, opinion formers and the general public.

Commenting on the appointment, Baroness Buscombe, Chairman of the PCC said:

*"Jonathan brings with him substantial experience in public relations, political communications and media handling. I am very pleased that he has decided to join us and he will significantly strengthen our team. Bringing Jonathan in is part of a concerted strategy to increase the profile of the PCC and to build trust in the crucial work we do."*

Jonathan Collett said:

*"I am delighted to be joining the PCC at an exciting time in its history. It performs a vital function which ensures a free press is properly and independently accountable and that the public receive a service which is fast, free and fair. I look forward to communicating its role, value and work."*

Collett is currently Head of Communications for the Advertising Association and was formerly Public Affairs Manager at News International and Press Spokesman for Michael Howard, when he was Leader of the Conservative Party.

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