

PCC release an adjudication on a complaint from a footballer; Manchester Open Day

1. The Press Complaints Commission today releases its adjudication on a complaint from footballer Jermaine Pennant against the People. The article told how the partner of Mr Pennant's father - who had lived with the family for some years - was a prostitute and referred to her as Mr Pennant's 'mum' in the headline and first paragraph. Accepting that the unqualified use of the term in the first paragraph was an error of judgement, the Commission noted that a number of references in the text to the precise nature of the relationship ensured that the piece as a whole was not misleading. On that basis, it found no breach of Clause 1 of the Code. To read the adjudication [click here](#).

2. The PCC's inaugural open day in Manchester - on next Tuesday 25th November - is now at hand. All members of the public are welcome to the event - which is being advertised in local newspapers - as part of Sir Christopher Meyer's ongoing initiative to make the PCC as open and accessible as possible. People will get the chance to meet members of the Commission at workshops during the day and to fire questions at a PCC panel following a speech from Sir Christopher in the evening.

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