

PCC issue an adjudication and news of a revised guidance note

1. The PCC has adjudicated upon a complaint from footballer Rio Ferdinand against the Daily Star over an article that alleged that he had pestered television presenter Abi Titmuss with text messages. Mr Ferdinand, who complained through Schillings solicitors, denied having any contact with Ms Titmuss at all. However, as Ms Titmuss provided a signed statement in support of the story's central allegation, and the newspaper offered to publish a clarification containing the complainant's subsequent denial, the Commission was satisfied that no further action on the matter was necessary under the Code. To read the full adjudication, [click here](#)

2. The PCC today publishes a revised Guidance Note for editors on the reporting of lottery winners. It updates and replaces a previous note on the identification of lottery winners, published shortly after the lottery was established, in 1995. Following consultation with Camelot, the Commission has now set down a number of principles on the application of the Code of Practice as it relates to issues surrounding lottery winners. Among other things, it makes clear that they - and their families - retain the strong protection of the Code against intrusion and harassment. To read the note [click here](#)

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