

PCC upholds Collymore complaint against The Sun

The Press Complaints Commission today publishes a new adjudication upholding a complaint from the former footballer Stan Collymore against The Sun newspaper.

Mr Collymore complained that the newspaper had published material on its front page that misleadingly suggested that he had confessed, in a signed statement, to lying. In fact, the statement had been obtained as the result of a stunt - something that was referred to in the text of the article on pages 4 and 5 of the newspaper but which would not, he claimed, have been understood by many readers.

The Commission criticised the newspaper under Clause 1 (Accuracy) of the Code of Practice for failing to take sufficient care to highlight how the confession had been obtained - something, it said, that was neither within the letter nor the spirit of the Code. Moreover, it also found a breach of Clause 10 of the Code (Clandestine devices and subterfuge) because there was no justification for obtaining the material by use of subterfuge in order to use it in a misleading manner. Information about the adjudication appears on pages 2 and 32 of today's Sun.

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