

PCC publish 3 key privacy adjudications

It has rejected complaints against the Daily Mirror and the Worksop Guardian from a teacher who was suspended from a military school after pupils obtained explicit photographs that she had sent to her partner. She complained that the content of the articles themselves, and - in particular - the newspapers' use of one of the photographs, was intrusive in breach of Clause 3 (Privacy) of the Code. The Commission considered that the publication of the articles was legitimate, but made clear that this did not deprive the complainant of any right to privacy. As the photograph was explicit and had clearly been sent in the context of a private relationship, it was right for the newspapers not to have published the full image, which may have gratuitously humiliated the complainant. Given that the Daily Mirror had included only a headshot, and the Worksop Guardian had also censored the image, the Commission was satisfied that there had been no breach of the Code. To read the full adjudications click [here](#) and [here](#) respectively.

The Commission has adjudicated upon a complaint under Clause 5 (Intrusion into grief or shock) of the Code from the family of a victim of the tsunami disaster. The family was concerned that the Daily Mirror had published a photograph of the victim, despite a journalist having been asked not to do so by her father. The newspaper made clear that it had obtained the image from the internet and that, at the time of publication, its picture desk was unaware of the family's request. The Commission sympathised greatly with the family but - while it agreed that it was appropriate for the editor to apologise to the complainants for the breakdown in communications within the newspaper - it did not consider that the publication of the photograph had been gratuitous or insensitive in breach of Clause 5 of the Code. The complaint was not upheld as a result. To read the full adjudication click [here](#)

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