

**Statement by Lord Wakeham on the death of Lord McGreogor, the first Chairman of the PCC**

We learned of the death of Lord McGregor with the deepest regret.

Throughout his life, Mac was a stalwart champion of a free, responsible press – not just in this country, but across the globe. His role in the establishment of the Press Complaints Commission and the system of effective self regulation we have today was absolutely crucial – and will stand as an abiding testimony to his memory.

We send out heartfelt sympathy to Lady McGregor and to his family – who, even at this terribly sad time, should take great pride in a life lived in the public service.

**ENDS**

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