

1. My name is Wensley Clarkson and I worked on the staff of the Sunday Mirror until September 1987.
2. There was no particular attempt at corporate governance at that time although as professional, trained journalists we were all aware of the limitations within our jobs as reporters and news editors etc.
3. I had no specific role in regard to this question. It's not something I gave much thought to at the time except to say that the news editor and editor were presumably well aware of these sort of issues.
4. 'Documents' as such did not exist.
5. I have no idea whether policies or practices changed as a result of phone hacking media interest as I was not closely involved with the tabloids at the time.
6. It was our responsibility as reporters to check and verify our own sources.
7. I was only aware of the sources on the stories I worked on.
8. Ethics are a huge question. It all depends what sort of story you are working on. If it is something that will ultimately expose someone as a law breaker then it is a lot different to harrassing the family of a murder victim obviously.
9. Of course there was pressure on us to do the so-called "Big Stories" but most of the pressure we put on ourselves. However I was not privy to corporate pressure because I was a reporter most of the time I worked on the tabloids.
10. There was NO financial incentive. I was paid a set wage irrelevant of my ability to produce sensational stories.
11. We didn't use private investigators back then. We talked to the police openly and there were certain officers (I have no record of any names or numbers 24 years later obviously) who would trace car registration numbers and/or phone numbers and 'help' us with stories. Mostly, we are talking about fifty pound "fees" openly paid.
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15. I have no memory of this.

16. We paid contributors every week and there was no secrecy about whom we paid.

17. I always tried to balance the private interests of individuals. It was a matter of common sense and since I was a fully trained journalist who served an apprenticeship on local newspapers it came naturally.

18. Computer hacking didn't exist when I worked on the staff of the tabloids