

Governance Review

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In relation to your review, I do believe it is extremely important that serious reforms of the PCC are conducted as at present it is an institution with a shrinking level of credibility amongst the public and professionals who work in the media, such as myself. The increasing scrutiny of the mainstream media on the web, particularly blogs, means that every single action of the PCC is now examined in forensic detail. It is true that much of this will pass a large number of people by, but as non-mainstream media sources continue to grow in terms of the audience, this examination will increase. I have listed some main points that I hope your review will consider.

1. The end of self-regulation and the appointment of an independent (of government and the press) set of commissioners to adjudicate on complaints. Self-regulation is completely discredited.
2. Like-for-like placement of retractions, corrections and apologies in print and online (as standard).
3. Original or redirected URLs for retractions, corrections & apologies online (as standard).
4. The current Code contains no reference to headlines, and this loophole should be closed immediately.
5. Sources to be credited unless they do not wish to be credited or require anonymity/protection.
6. A longer and more interactive consultation period for open discussion of more fundamental issues.

Kind regards

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