

PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION

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PUBLIC MEETING - OXFORD
WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2007**

The Press Complaints Commission is the regulatory body for the newspaper and magazine industry in the UK. It upholds a Code of Practice which editors must adhere to, and which protects individuals against intrusion, discrimination, harassment and inaccurate reporting.

If you are interested in press standards, need to know what to do if you have a complaint about a newspaper or magazine article, or are interested in the future of your local newspaper, come along and find out more.

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**The Assembly Room
Oxford Town Hall
St Aldates'
Oxford OX1 1BX**

2.30 - 3.45pm - Surgery session

An opportunity for a private, informal chat with a member of PCC staff to discuss any matters of concern, or to pick up some printed information.

4pm onwards - Question & Answer session

A public Q & A session chaired by Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman of the PCC, where you can quiz a panel of experts on any aspect of how the press is regulated.

The event is **FREE** with no ticket required, but it would be helpful if you could register your interest in attending by contacting Tonia Milton on 020 7831 0022 or by email tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk.

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OXFORD PUBLIC MEETING

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The PCC has held the ninth in its series of public meetings. Held in Oxford, at the Town Hall, the meeting saw representatives from community groups, the council, public sector organisations as well as a number of students putting their questions on newspaper and magazine regulation to the PCC's Chairman and staff.

The meeting opened with a short introduction by Sir Christopher Meyer, Chairman of the PCC, who gave an overview of the organisation's main services and explained the PCC's commitment to raising awareness of its work throughout the whole of the UK.

All attendees were keen to share their views, and the ensuing hour and half-long discussion included questions on how the PCC is funded; the work it has done with organisations representing asylum seekers; how crime is reported in local newspapers; and the implications of the PCC's decision to regulate audio-visual material on publications' websites. The other members of the panel were Tim Toulmin, Director of the PCC, and Alison Hastings, Trustee for England for the BBC Trust and a former editor of the Newcastle Evening Chronicle.

PCC staff also ran a surgery session earlier in the day, to allow people with a specific query to have a private discussion on a one-to-one basis or to pick up some printed literature.

The PCC has held two town meetings per year since 2003. The next meeting will be held in Leeds in February 2008. Further details will be available in due course but to register your interest in attending, or for any queries in the meantime, please email Tonia Milton on tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk