## **Press Complaints Commission**

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From the Director

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## Dear Mr Soley

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> May addressed to Sir Christopher Meyer, who has asked me to reply.

The Code of Practice contains strict rules regarding interviewing and photographing children under the age of 16 without the parental consent. As you will know, it would be a matter for the families of those concerned to complain if consent had not been given.

Yours sincerely

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