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Press Complaints Commission

From the Chairman

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Dear Professor Ashton,

Thank you for your letter of 16th May.

The information that you sent is helpful. I am not convinced that the rules about the reporting of suicide are currently sufficient – and we have heard concerns from a number of health care professionals across the country to the same effect. However, before coming to a firm view, I should like to raise the matter with the Code of Practice Committee – which writes the Code – when it next meets.

I will let keep you informed of any progress.

With kind regards.

*Yours sincerely,
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