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Mr Stephen Abell
Director
Press Complaints Commission
Halton House
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Dear Mr Abell,

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] regarding press behaviour around the recent death of Joanna Yates.

[redacted] is concerned about about "the coverage of the murder suspect in Bristol, whose reputation is unlikely to recover after his 'trial by media'. He further states to me:

"Should I as a tax payer fund the settlement which the police will undoubtedly pay him, while the newspapers who boosted their profits by using his portrait, complete with "scary" comb-over and senseless innuendo, will be unlikely to be forced to put their hands in their pockets to pay him back out of the extra revenue they earned by doing their (market-driven and unregulated) thing."

[redacted] further asks what further steps could be taken to ensure more responsible behaviour from the press. I have previously written on this matter to the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, and he has noted that the Code of Practice and its implementation is a matter for the Press Complaints Commission.

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely-

[redacted signature box]

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