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Dear Mr Jarman

I am emailing following a telephone conversation with Tony Taylorson, who provided your email address.

This is in relation to the conclusion of the Soham trial today. Obviously, this will bring pressures on the families of Holly and Jessica. I thought I would write to you - as someone who might represent their interests, or be able best to communicate with those that do - with a note making clear the services that the PCC can offer in these circumstances.

While there has been nothing (as far as I am aware) to suggest that the families have experienced particular difficulties with the press, our services may, of course, prove to be of use at some stage. In particular, we are able to provide round-the-clock assistance should those at the centre of this story feel harassed by press attention. Indeed, if there are any problems outside of office hours, we have a 24-hour emergency line that may be of use: 07669 195539. We also have a leaflet, which can provide further guidance <http://www.pcc.org.uk/docs/harassment.doc>.

Our comprehensive website - www.pcc.org.uk - contains information about the Code of Practice to which all newspapers and magazines are expected to adhere and details of how to make a complaint if there is an indication that any publication has failed to do so. If you would like any further information, do contact us at the PCC on the following number: 020 7353 1248.

I would be most grateful if you could keep our details on record and make clear to any interested parties that we are on hand to help whenever necessary. Do feel free to give me a call at any time.

Very best

Stephen

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