

**PRESS COMPLAINTS COMMISSION**

*From the Director*

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Rt Hon the Lord Foulkes of Cumnock MSP  
Room MG 19  
Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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*Dear Lord Foulkes,*

Thank you for your letter of 30 August.

The regulation of online services is a difficult area, but one where the newspaper and magazine industry – prompted by the PCC – has gone further than other media to ensure that certain standards apply. It is of course difficult when comments are posted by non-journalists in un-moderated areas of websites. Some sites already apply the sort of system you recommend. Making that compulsory would be difficult, but there may be other ways to encourage good practice.

Perhaps we might have a word about it on Thursday at the dinner hosted by Christopher Meyer?

With kind regards.

*Tim Toulmin*

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