

Peter Wright appointed to PCC

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The editor of the Mail on Sunday, Peter Wright, has been appointed to the Press Complaints Commission. He will be one of 7 editors to sit on the 17-member Commission, and will replace Peter Hill, editor of the Daily Express.

Announcing the appointment, PCC Chairman Sir Christopher Meyer said:

"I am very pleased to welcome Peter Wright to the Commission. His appointment means that the editorial membership of the PCC will remain well-balanced, with all sectors of the market represented on the board. I am looking forward to working with him. At the same time, I would like to thank Peter Hill, who has served on the Commission for nearly 5 years, for his contribution to our work".

Peter Wright said:

"The Mail on Sunday has always been a firm supporter of self-regulation of the Press, and I very much look forward to taking part in this as a member of the Press Complaints Commission".

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Notes

1. There are 17 members of the PCC, ten of whom – the clear majority – are independent of the press. There are 3 national newspaper editors, 2 regional editors, 1 magazine editor and 1 representative of the Scottish press on the Commission. Editorial members are nominated by their respective trade bodies but formally appointed by the Commission's independent Appointments Commission.
2. Current members of the Appointments Commission are Sir Christopher Meyer (who chairs it); Sir David Clementi; Andrew Phillips; Lord Evans of Temple Guiting; and Tim Bowdler CBE. There is currently one vacancy.
3. Peter Wright has been Editor of The Mail on Sunday since 1998. After a history degree at Cambridge, Peter began his career in 1975 as a trainee at Thomson Regional Newspapers, spending three years as a reporter with the Hemel Hempstead Evening Post-Echo. He joined the Daily Mail as a reporter in 1979 and progressed through the News, Foreign and Features Desks to become Femail Editor in 1988, followed by Features Editor and Deputy Editor. At The Mail on Sunday he has launched the Review, Property and Football supplements, Live magazine and this year introduced the colour-coded Section 2. He is married with four children.
4. Peter Wright will be leaving the Code of Practice Committee to take up his post on the PCC.
5. For further information please contact Tim Toulmin on 07803 597 372.

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