

PCC issues new guidance note on the reporting of people accused of crime

1. New Guidance Note.

The PCC has published a new guidance note on the reporting of people accused of crime. The note brings together the numerous Code issues that can arise when people are arrested or are otherwise accused of having committed a criminal offence. In particular, it highlights the central importance of Clauses 1 (Accuracy) and 3 (Privacy) when reporting such cases.

To read the note in full, [click here](#)

2. Buoyant first quarter complaints figures.

The Press Complaints Commission can today announce that it received 1018 complaints between January and March 2004. This is in line with the figures for 2003, when a record number was received over the course of the year. Of those complaints that were investigated under the Code of Practice, over 50% concerned the regional press, while 40% related to national newspapers. The remainder was about magazines and specialist titles.

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