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## PCC publishes two adjudications relating to privacy

The first concerns an article in The News (Portsmouth) which identified a teacher at a local primary school who was suffering from tuberculosis. The Commission found that there was adequate justification for her identification given the public interest involved and the fact that her identity was known to a significant extent locally.

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The Commission has also adjudicated upon a complaint from Mr John Smith against The Sun, about an article that reported the theft and use of his credit card by his teenage son. He was concerned that his son had been offered payment as an incentive to talk to the newspaper (in breach of Clause 17) and that the published article was inaccurate and intrusive. He also complained that the newspaper had published a photograph obtained by his son from the family home. Following its investigation, the Commission did not consider that breaches of Clauses 3 (Privacy), 11 (Misrepresentation) or 17 (Payment to criminals) had been established or that there were any outstanding issues under Clause 1 (Accuracy) of the Code.

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**ENDS** 

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