

**The Press Recognition Panel**

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Dear

I am writing to you as someone with an interest in press regulation to let you know that the Press Recognition Panel (being created by the Royal Charter in the light of the Leveson Report) comes into existence as a legal entity on Monday 3 November 2014.

In June I was appointed to be Chair of the Panel. Since then, as required by the Royal Charter, I have worked with the four members of the independent Appointments Panel (themselves chosen by the Commissioner for Public Appointments) to recruit five other Board Members. Their appointments have been announced today to take effect from Monday. Their biographies are attached to this letter along with a copy of the press notice, also at <http://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk/news-2/>

As required by the Royal Charter, we will now work to establish the Press Recognition Panel. We will then be able to consider and decide on applications from press self-regulatory organisations that want to be recognised as compliant with the recognition criteria in Schedule 4 of the Royal Charter. In England and Wales, that recognition will make them Approved Regulators for the purposes of sections 34-41 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013.

Further information will be available on our web site [www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk](http://www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk) and through Twitter @PRPanel as things develop.

I will also write again from time to time to update you on any major developments, unless you get in touch to say that you wish to be removed from our contact list (please email [hperry@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk](mailto:hperry@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk)). I envisage that the Panel will, for example, consult widely on various issues including how it should discharge its duties and process and decide upon applications for recognition. Your suggestions will be most welcome.

In the meantime, if you want to get in touch directly, please feel free to do so: [dwolfe@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk](mailto:dwolfe@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk). For the moment, at least, our postal address and office base is, as above, at 107-111 Fleet Street, London.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Wolfe', written over a large, light-colored circular scribble.

Dr David Wolfe QC

Chair of the Press Recognition Panel.

## Board of the Press Recognition Panel appointed 3 November 2014



**Dr David Wolfe** (Chair of the Press Recognition Panel) works as a barrister (QC) helping people and organisations who want to challenge the legality of decisions taken by public bodies and, very often, the Government itself. He was a founding Board member of the Legal Services Board, which oversees the operation of the self-regulators of lawyers and other legal professionals, and also a member of the Board of the then Legal Services Commission.

**Harry Cayton** is the Chief Executive of the Professional Standards Authority, the body which oversees the self-regulators of health and social care professionals across the UK. Harry was previously Director of the National Deaf Children's Society and then Chief Executive of the Alzheimer's Society. For five years Harry was the NHS National Director for Patients and the Public at the Department of Health. He is a Trustee of Comic Relief.



**Emma Gilpin-Jacobs** has worked in strategic communications for over 17 years, much of it advising media companies. From 2000-2006, she was International Director of Public Affairs for Time Inc. Emma then worked at the Financial Times Group for six years and, from December 2013 to February 2014, as Director of Communications for the Deputy Prime Minister. At the FT, she was Global Communications Director and one of the Executive Board that successfully managed the FT's transition to digital. Emma began her career in journalism.



**Carolyn Regan** was Chief Executive at the then Legal Services Commission having been Chief Executive of major NHS bodies including the North East London Strategic Health Authority, where she took the lead for the NHS in promoting London's successful bid for the 2012 Olympics. Most recently, she was responsible for establishing and leading the newly formed NHS West London Clinical Group. Carolyn is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Just for Kids Law, a Council Member at City University, London chairing its Remuneration Committee, and a Trustee of Action Space Ltd., a visual arts organisation for people with disabilities. She is a member of the appeal board for Depression Alliance.

**Harry Rich** is the Chief Executive of the Royal Institute of British Architects and a Governor of the University for the Creative Arts. He was previously Chief Executive of Enterprise UK and Deputy Chief Executive of the Design Council. Harry served as a Board member of the Advertising Standards Authority which regulates UK advertising. Harry was a Magistrate and, for two years, an external member of the Charter Compliance Panel of the then Press Complaints Commission.



**Tim Suter** worked on Newsnight before becoming Deputy Head, Managing and Executive Editor for BBC Television and Radio Current Affairs. He was head of Broadcasting Policy at the Department of Culture Media and Sport before becoming the Founding Partner of Ofcom with responsibility for its regulation of broadcast and other content. Tim gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry on possible structures for UK press regulation. He is a Visiting Fellow at the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University and a freelance consultant who has advised a wide range of national and international media organisations including the BBC, ITV, Channel 5, The Newspaper Society and (on issues of media ownership) News Corporation.

**APPOINTMENTS - BOARD OF THE RECOGNITION PANEL**

The appointment of five initial members of the Board Recognition Panel established by the [Royal Charter on self-regulation of the press](#), was announced today. The Recognition Panel's function is to recognise press industry self-regulators in accordance with the Royal Charter. They will join David Wolfe QC, the Chair of the Board, whose appointment was announced in June.

The five members are:

- Harry Cayton
- Emma Gilpin-Jacobs
- Carolyn Regan
- Harry Rich
- Tim Suter

They have been appointed following a fair and open competition chaired by Dame Anne Pringle, Chair of the Appointments Committee. David Wolfe QC, Chair of the Board of the Recognition Panel, worked alongside the Appointments Committee to select the new members.

Dame Anne Pringle said:

“We are delighted to appoint these five experienced and capable individuals to these important and challenging roles. They bring the right mix of skills and qualities necessary to establish this important new organisation and provide independent verification of press self-regulatory arrangements.”

David Wolfe said:

“I am confident that we have appointed a diverse and high calibre group of individuals to the Board, and I very much look forward to working with Harry, Emma, Carolyn, Harry and Tim to carry out the important functions set out in the Royal Charter.”

The appointments take effect on 3 November 2014, the date at which the Recognition Panel will be formally established. Further details about the role and remit of the Panel and biographies of the new Board members can be found at: [www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk](http://www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk)

## Notes

1. Following the [Leveson Inquiry](#) into the culture, practice and ethics of the press (which reported on 29 November 2012), a [Royal Charter](#) on the self regulation of the press was granted by the Privy Council on 30 October 2013. The Royal Charter establishes a Recognition Panel with functions and duties relating to the recognition of press industry self regulators in accordance with the terms of the Charter. The Charter also confers certain duties on the Commissioner for Public Appointments relating to the appointment of the Chair and Members of the Board of the Recognition Panel.
2. The Appointments Committee was appointed by Sir David Normington, the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Royal Charter requires the Appointments Committee to be chaired by a Public Appointments Assessor. Dame Anne Pringle, former British Ambassador to Moscow and a current Public Appointment Assessor, chairs the Committee. The other members of the Committee are Dr Chitra Bharucha, former Vice Chair of the BBC Trust and former member of the General Medical Council, Andrew Flanagan, former Chief Executive of the Scottish Media Group and current Civil Service Commissioner and Elizabeth France, former Information Commissioner and current Chair of the Office for Legal Complaints.
3. David Wolfe was appointed as the first [Chair of the Recognition Panel](#) in June 2014 . His first duty was to select members of the Board alongside the Appointments Committee. The Royal Charter provides for the Recognition Panel to be funded by the Exchequer during its first three years of operation.

## Contacts

1. For more information please go to [www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk](http://www.pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk)
2. More information about the work of the Commissioner for Public Appointments or the Appointments Committee can be found at [publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk](http://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk)
3. Media enquiries should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.