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Dear Matt,

I am writing to you having heard Sir Alan's interview on Radio 4's Today Programme yesterday morning. During the interview, he stated:

"The PRP, the recognition panel, has imposed a condition for recognition which Leveson never recommended, which requires every newspaper to pay for the whole of the cost of arbitration, win, lose or draw."

Lord Leveson recommended that the arbitral process should be free for complainants to use (save for a power to make an adverse order for the costs of the arbitrator if proceedings are frivolous or vexatious).

The Royal Charter at Recognition Criteria 22 sets out the requirements of an arbitral process, which amongst other things (such as arrangements for claims to be struck out for legitimate reasons, including on frivolous and vexatious grounds) requires the process to operate under the principle that arbitration should be free for complainants to use (this doesn't preclude the charging of a small administration fee in limited circumstances).

It is therefore obviously incorrect to say that the PRP itself has imposed any such condition and the position as to Lord Leveson's recommendation is also misstated.

Please ensure that the PRP is not misrepresented in the future.

Yours sincerely

Susie



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Cc Radio 4 Media Show