

ANONYMOUS 1

- Your email address: **Please do not publish my name**
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- As an individual (please indicate): **Member of the public**
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- For an organisation (please indicate):
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- Question 1: Do you agree with the principle of using indicators and examples of evidence as guidance to applicants and the PRP in determining applications?: **Yes**
- Give reasons if you wish.: **It is important that applicants have a clear understanding of the intentions and range of the process. It is however more important that the process is water tight. To this end as well as examples; parties should have key performance indicators that they submit annually to provide evidence of compliance. Such indicators could be agreed in terms of scope, number and timescale to void imposition.**
- Question 2: Do you agree with the indicators and evidence we propose?: **Yes**
- Give reasons if you wish. For specific comments on the criteria, use the comments box on the matrix.: **In general yes. Once again however, it is the evidence of the application of the indicators that is significant in practice. To this end, data gathering and submission would be useful perhaps on an annual basis, with perhaps review after three years and the potential for adjustment.**
- Question 3: Do you agree with our proposed approach to dealing with applications?: **Yes**
- Give reasons if you wish.: **I think the emphasis on non-industry members is good, and non-serving editors is a point well made. The process must avoid vested interests of all types.**
- Question 4: Do you agree with our proposed approach to discussions with applicants?: **Yes**
- Give reasons if you wish.: **Again generally yes.**
- Question 5: Do you agree with our approach to granting recognition?: **Yes**
- Give reasons if you wish.: **With two major provisos: that recognition be for a set period (say three years in the first instance, with longer if appropriate after an initial review) and that the recognition should be reliant on the gathering of data according to agreed performance indicators to do with timeliness for example. Such indicators to be agreed as part of the recognition process.**
- Question 6: Do you consider that our proposals will have any impacts, either positive or negative, including on our compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty?: **No**
- Give reasons if you wish.: **A general statement, as there appears to be no opportunity elsewhere. I believe that we need to change the CULTURE in the media and as such we need to change what appears to be the prevailing mind set of those working within it. To that end, this process is important, not only in setting up a regulatory process, but also in beginning the process of change. In order to make tis change, issues and processes such as whistle blowing must not only be accessible, but also PROMOTED as part of a culture which does not accept valid stories as only those which sell papers and attained at any cost. I am pleased to see some definition of 'public interest' in criteria 8 and believe this should be emphasised to both protect the press from victimisation and the public from intrusion.**