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As someone with some experience of media regulation (as an Independent Editorial Advisor to the BBC Trust) I would like to comment on the suggestion in the submission by Associated Newspapers that the Impress Board lacks people with sufficient journalistic experience to enable them to fulfill their role as regulators.

I only have personal knowledge of Professor Maire Messenger Davies and I would attest she is extremely well-qualified to fulfill this role. She is a former journalist who has established an international reputation as a media expert, with particular regard to children's media consumption. She also lives in Northern Ireland which provides her with a non-Metropolitan perspective.

Of the other members of the Board, I note that Martin Hickson has more than 20 years experience as a journalist, including periods of work at the Press Association, Reuters and the Independent. Emma Jones worked for, among others, the Sun, the Mail on Sunday and the Sunday Mirror, whilst Deborah Arnott has experience of broadcast journalism with ITV and Channel Four.

In passing, I am puzzled as to why, in their submission, Associated Newspapers appear to denigrate the position of Deputy Editor of 'Mother and Baby'.

Overall I believe that these members will provide the Board with sufficient journalistic experience to enable them to carry out their regulatory duties.

I hope this is of some assistance.

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