

Dear Sir,

In response to your call for information as to the extent to which the recognition system has succeeded in its aims.

It is clear that the majority of the press is trying to pretend that the Leveson Enquiry didn't happen, and that it's back to business as usual.

The Leveson Report said what should happen if the industry tried to veto his recommendations and refused to comply: "if some or all of the industry are not willing to participate in effective independent regulation, my own concluded view is to reject the notion that they should escape regulation altogether. I cannot, and will not, recommend another last chance saloon for the press. With some measure of regret, therefore, I am driven to conclude that the Government should be ready to consider the need for a statutory backstop regulator being established, to ensure, at the least, that the press are subject to regulation that would require the fullest compliance with the criminal and civil law, if not also to ensure consequences equivalent to those that would flow from an independent self-regulatory system."

Regardless of whether IMPRESS is recognised by the PRP, the PRP should strongly recommend to Parliament that the key 'guaranteed access to justice incentive' (section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act) should be brought into effect as Parliament had intended.

Kind regards,

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