

To the Press Recognition Panel:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I hear that you are now attempting to discover the state of public opinion on whether the new press regulator IMPRESS is doing any good.

I would say that it isn't doing much good if nearly all the big newspapers are simply ignoring it.

I think that if the big newspapers will not clean up their act, then the government will have to make compliance statutory, as recommended by Leveson.

And secondly, there is already a law, passed in 2013, which is supposed to guarantee access to justice for victims of libel and press intrusion.

Section 40 of the Crime and Courts Act should be brought into effect now. For example, when a sick woman, trying to earn a living by writing articles is falsely labelled a "benefit scrounger", surely that is libel, because it jeopardises her chances of finding work. It is sickening that a newspaper should hack a dead girl's mobile phone. The buck should go to the top.

I hope that the PRP will strongly recommend the final advice of the Leveson Report, and the implementation of section 40.

Yours faithfully,

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