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By email only

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Dear Mr Rostron,

Daily Mail complaint

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email and enclosures regarding your complaint to the Daily Mail and the subsequent handling of your complaint by the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO).

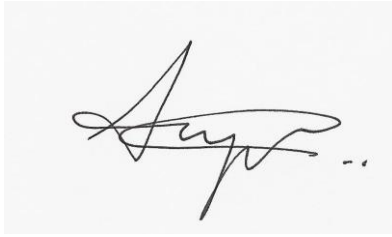
I thought it might be helpful to start by explaining a bit about the role of the Press Recognition Panel (PRP). The PRP is an independent body set up to ensure that any regulators of the press are independent, properly funded and able to protect the public. The PRP was created as a result of the Leveson Inquiry into press standards, which followed widespread concern about unlawful activities carried out by some sections of the media such as phone hacking.

The PRP's main role is to consider applications made by press regulators who want to be 'recognised' as 'approved regulators'. This means ensuring that any press regulators who apply to us are independent, properly able to protect the public from unlawful (or excessively intrusive or misleading activities) carried out by the press, and provide prompt and proper redress where these are judged to have taken place. The system is voluntary and IPSO is not an approved regulator.

The PRP has a very specific remit and cannot tell any press organisation, publisher or press regulator what to do. It is the role of regulators to regulate the press, so you need to direct your ongoing concerns to IPSO.

I appreciate that this is not the response you were hoping for, but I hope it is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Susie Uppal'.

Susie Uppal
Chief Executive

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