



Press Recognition Panel
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By email

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Dear Lord Ashton of Hyde,

I am writing further to the Lords' examination of the Data Protection Bill on 13 December 2017.

In respect of Schedule 2, Part 5, para 24(5) (c), that lists exemptions to the protection of personal data for special purposes that include journalism, I understand that the IPSO Editors' Code of Practice will be removed.

You will have noted that it is our view that the wording should include codes of regulators approved by the PRP. To fail to do that would undermine the framework that was devised by Parliament to oversee press regulation. Notwithstanding this, it is imperative that a carefully worded umbrella term is inserted in its place so that the exemptions are extended to codes of practice used by all sections of the press and not just members of IPSO.

I would be happy to meet to discuss further if you consider that it would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Wolfe', is written over a large, light-colored circular scribble.

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