

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



PRESS COUNCIL
OF IRELAND



OFFICE OF
THE PRESS
OMBUDSMAN

The Press Council of Ireland and Office of the Press Ombudsman exist to safeguard and promote professional and ethical standards in Irish newspapers, magazines and online news publications.

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INTRODUCTION

PRESS COUNCIL OF IRELAND

The Press Council of Ireland is responsible for the oversight of the professional principles embodied in the Code of Practice, and with upholding the freedom of the press. It operates with the support and cooperation of member publications and journalists. It decides on appeals from decisions of the Press Ombudsman and on complaints referred to it directly by the Press Ombudsman. It is independent of both government and media.

OFFICE OF THE PRESS OMBUDSMAN

The Office of the Press Ombudsman receives complaints from members of the public and seeks to resolve them by conciliation or mediation to the satisfaction of everyone concerned. Where conciliation or mediation is not possible, the Press Ombudsman will make a decision on the complaint based on the Code of Practice.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

One news story dominated newspapers, magazines and online-only news services in 2020, the impact of Covid-19. The Irish media's response to the challenge of reporting on the first pandemic for over a hundred years was overwhelmingly professional with the provision of objective information, analysis and debate. This considerable achievement was made against a backdrop of significant declining resources and the need for remote working.

In common with our member publications, the Press Council of Ireland overcame the difficulties created by the Covid-19 pandemic and continued to function effectively throughout a uniquely difficult year.

The accuracy with which the press carried reliable information about Covid-19 was an important factor in dealing with the situation and was in marked contrast to the disinformation and falsehoods perpetrated by elements of social media.

The Council welcomed the establishment by the Government of the Future of Media Commission and has made detailed written and oral submissions to it. We look forward to its findings.

Once more we were disappointed at the delay on the part of Government in reforming the 2009 Defamation Act (a reform now overdue since 2015).

Given the financial constraint which the press faced, the Council's budget was temporarily reduced by 30% for 2020. This resulted in voluntary salary



SEÁN DONLON - Chairman

reductions by the staff and in fees for Independent Council members.

During the year two members of the Council - the deputy chair and chair of the Administrative Committee, Brendan Butler, and independent member Denise Charlton - completed their maximum two-three year terms as members. Edith Geraghty and Dr Tim Hinchey were appointed as new independent members. Patricia O'Donovan became deputy chair of the Press Council and chair of the Administrative Committee. Dr John Lynch retired as the nominee of the Independent News and Media

Group and was replaced by Samantha McCaughran.

Dr Lynch died in 2020. I would like to express my own deep sadness and that of all the members of the Council at his passing. He was a highly regarded member of the Council who always had something pertinent and relevant to contribute.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Press Council for their commitment during 2020.

Seán Donlon
Chairman
Press Council of Ireland

COMPLAINTS

TOTAL **347**

25 Decided by Press Ombudsman (see page 5 for breakdown)

25 Complaints resolved by the editor to the satisfaction of the complainant

2 Consideration postponed because subject matter of complaint was subject matter of ongoing court proceedings

3 Live at end 2020

5 Unauthorised third party

These were complainants who were not personally affected by an article, or who complained about an article written about another person, but without that person's permission to make a complaint.

6 User Generated Content

15 Other regulatory authority

These were mostly for the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland or the Advertising Standards Authority of Ireland.

20 Out of time

These were complaints that were received outside the three-month deadline for making a complaint.

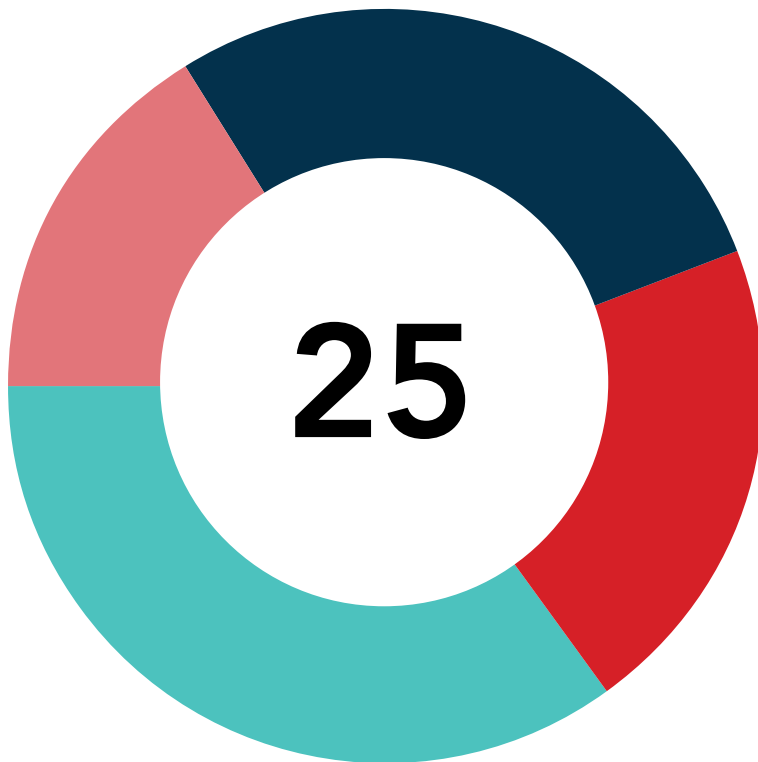
23 Publication not member of Press Council

30 Miscellaneous

193 Complaint not pursued beyond preliminary enquiry by complainant

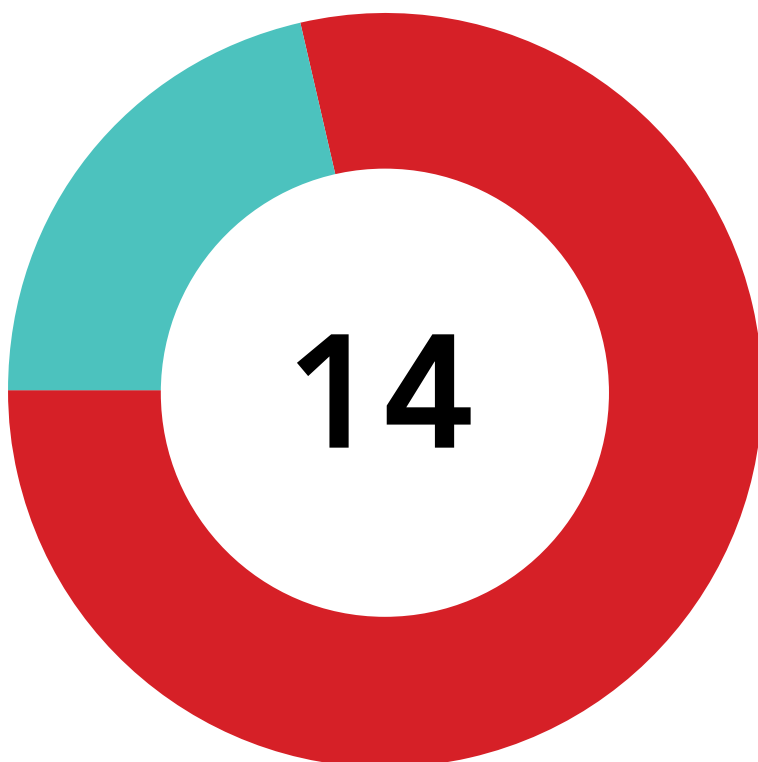
These were complaints where the complainant was given the contact details for the publisher, together with advice on the Code of Practice and how to make a complaint, but decided not to pursue the matter further with the Office after the initial contact. Some of these complaints may subsequently have been satisfactorily resolved following the submission of the complaint directly to the editor of the publication concerned.

Complaints Decided By Press Ombudsman



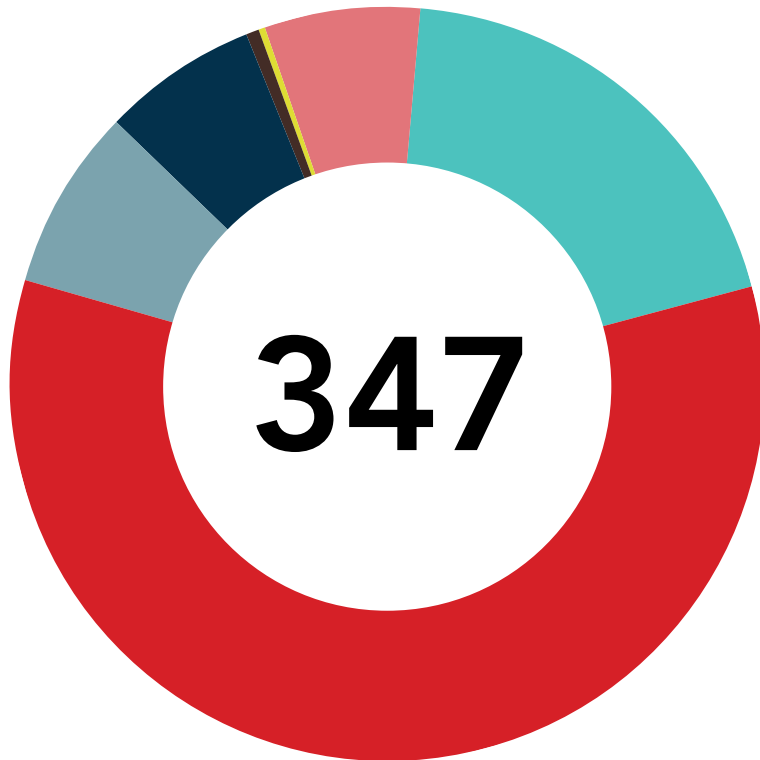
- 12 Not upheld
- 7 Upheld (3 overturned on appeal)
- 5 Sufficient remedial action offered by the publication to resolve the complaint
- 1 Insufficient evidence to make a decision

Appeals received by the Press Council



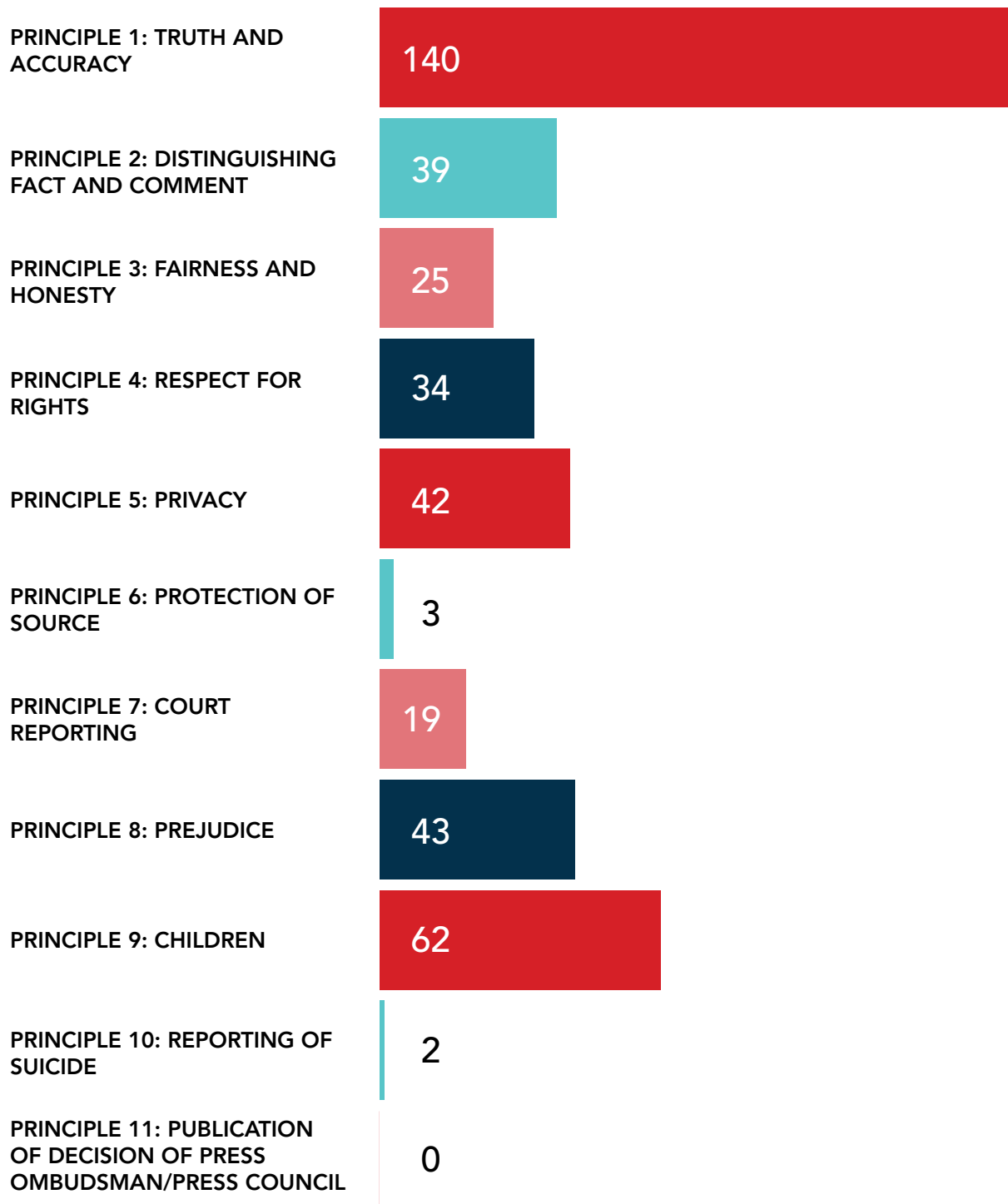
- 3 Upheld
- 11 Rejected

Publication leading to complaint



- 204** National newspaper (print and online)
- 27** Online-only news publication
- 23** Local newspaper (print and online)
- 2** Student publication
- 1** Magazine
- 23** Publication not member of Press Council
- 67** Not indicated by complainant

*Principles of the Code of Practice cited by complainants**



*In 2020 fifty-five complaints were received about one article, which increased the figures for a number of Principles as follows:

Principle 1 (+27), Principle 2 (+24), Principle 3 (+9), Principle 4 (+19), Principle 5 (+4), Principle 7 (+5), Principle 8 (+20) and Principle 9 (+41).

The full text of the Code of Practice is published on pages 26 and 27.

PRESS OMBUDSMAN'S REPORT

The number of complaints received by the Office of the Press Ombudsman in 2020 was 347 (55 of these related to one article, a court report of a case involving a 15 year old girl). This is well up on the numbers received in the previous year where 252 complaints were received. In 2020, 25 complaints were resolved to the satisfaction of complainants and publishers (see Case Officer's report on page 11). Fifty-two complaints received in 2020 referred to the reporting of pandemic related issues. The Press Ombudsman issued a formal decision in 25 complaints, 7 of these complaints were upheld. The Principles of the Code that were found to be breached were Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy), Principle 2 (Distinguishing Fact and Comment) and Principle 5 (Privacy).



PETER FEENEY - Press Ombudsman

The 7 complaints upheld by the Press Ombudsman in 2020 were as follows:

Professor Tom Butler and The Irish Times

A complaint that Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy) had been breached in an article on 5G technology was upheld. The decision was that the article should have taken more account of scientific research that raised concerns about the impact on human health of radio waves.

The decision of the Press Ombudsman was not appealed.

A Woman and the Herald

A complaint that Principle 5 (Privacy) had been breached in a report about the funeral of a man murdered as a result of a gangland feud was upheld. The decision was that the report failed to show sympathy and discretion

to a grieving family at a time of personal grief and shock.

The newspaper appealed the decision. The Press Council rejected the appeal.

A Family and The Irish Times

A complaint that Principle 5 (Privacy) had been breached in an article about deaths in a hospital due to Covid 19 was upheld. The name of one of those who died was published without having sought the family's permission. The decision was that the report failed to show sympathy and discretion to a grieving family at a time of personal grief and shock.

The decision of the Press Ombudsman was not appealed.

A Daughter and the Sunday World

A complaint that Principle 5 (Privacy) had been breached in the publication of a photograph of a man who had been murdered was upheld. Following a previous article on the man's murder the newspaper had given the dead man's family a guarantee that the photograph would not be used again. The newspaper's defence that there had been an internal communications breakdown was not accepted as an adequate defence of the publication of the photograph.

The decision of the Press Ombudsman was not appealed.

A Man and the Irish Examiner

A complaint that Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy) and Principle 2 (Distinguishing Fact and Comment) had been breached

in a report on a meeting of Kerry County Council was upheld. The report had been based in part on information provided in good faith which subsequently proved to be inaccurate.

The decision of the Press Ombudsman was not appealed.

A Woman and the Waterford News & Star

An account of an inquest into the death of a man by suicide was found to have breached Principle 5 (Privacy) when the newspaper published information about the performance of CPR by the man's wife.

The newspaper appealed the decision of the Press Ombudsman. The Press Council upheld the appeal. See page 15 for the decision of the Press Council.

A Woman and the Irish Daily Star

A complaint that Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy) and Principle 5 (Privacy) had been breached in an article about the sale of a house was upheld. The newspaper inaccurately reported that the house had been sold and did not publish a correction when the inaccuracy was brought to its attention. The newspaper breached Principle 5 by publishing a photograph of the complainant's house.

The decision of the Press Ombudsman was not appealed.

In addition to the above upheld complaints there were 2 other complaints which the Press Ombudsman did not uphold, but on appeal to the Press Council both appeals were upheld.

A complaint by Mr David Quinn about an article published on 12 February 2020 reporting on the proportion of unvaccinated people getting mumps resulted in the Press Ombudsman deciding that the newspaper had offered to take and took sufficient action to resolve the complaint. Another complaint from Mr Quinn about an article published on 11 March that he said wrongly implied that almost half the cases of mumps in Ireland were in unvaccinated people also led to a decision that the newspaper had offered to take sufficient action to resolve the complaint. Mr Quinn appealed the Press Ombudsman's decisions and both appeals were upheld. See page 15 for the decisions of the Press Council.

Communications/ Outreach Programme

The communications and outreach programme of the Office of the Press Ombudsman was curtailed by restrictions due to the pandemic. Where possible the programme continued online.

Online presentations on the work of the Press Ombudsman were made to students at NUI Galway, University of Limerick and the King's Inns.

The Office was a contributor to a European Commission funded project "Media Councils in the Digital Age". The Office took on the responsibility of designing and maintaining a website for 39 press and media councils throughout Europe and the wider world. See www.presscouncils.eu

Advisory Notices

The Office on occasion issues Advisory Notices to editors,



HEDGING THEIR BETS Julien Behal. *Julien Behal Photography*

Taoiseach Micheál Martin and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson emerge from a hedgerow during a “walk and talk” in the gardens of Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland

typically drawing editors’ attention to upcoming circumstances where there is likely to be media interest, often at times of tragedy and distress. Also, on occasion organisations working on behalf of the public good can avail of Advisory Notices to inform editors of particular concerns. Editors welcome Advisory Notices as they draw attention to circumstances which journalists may not be aware of or issues which may impact on readers in unforeseen ways.

There were 5 Advisory Notices issued in 2020.

An Advisory Notice was issued in response to a request from the National Suicide Research Foundation which had issued guidelines around the reporting of controversial lyrics in an Eminem album. The Foundation was concerned that the lyrics might have a detrimental effect on vulnerable young people.

An Advisory Notice was issued on the subject of reporting the Covid 19 pandemic. The Department of Health had approached the Office in relation to the language used in press coverage of the Covid-19 virus, and the use of images sourced from outside the country.

A second Advisory Notice was issued on the subject of reporting various aspects of the COVID 19 pandemic. This Advisory Notice referred to the taking of photographs at Covid testing centres.

An Advisory Notice was issued on the terminology used when reporting matters relating to the prosecution of sexual offences against children.

An Advisory Notice was issued on the need to protect the privacy of patients in a Nursing Home which had been the subject of media reporting.

CASE OFFICER'S REPORT

A complaint can be made to the Office of the Press Ombudsman by email, post or on the dedicated complaint form on our website.

The complaints process

Complainants should look at the Code of Practice to see if, in their opinion, the article or the behaviour of the journalist presented a breach of one or more of its Principles. There are eleven Principles in the Code, and they cover a wide range of issues, including accuracy, privacy, court reporting, children and grave offence.

The complaints process

Any person or organisation can make a complaint about an article published in a member publication of the Press Council of Ireland (a full list of member publications can be found on pages 20 to 25), or about the behaviour of a journalist, so long as

- the person or organisation making the complaint is personally affected by the article or journalistic behaviour
- the complaint presents evidence of a possible breach of the Press Council's Code of Practice
- the article was published, or the behaviour took place, within the previous three months
- the complainant has made a written complaint to the editor



BERNIE GROGAN - Case Officer

It has increasingly become the case – and the statistics for the year bear this out - that editors, when presented with a complaint that has merit, are willing to take the matter onboard and offer swift redress to complainants.

Conciliation

The Office provides a quick, independent and free method of resolving complaints. We work closely with both the complainant and the editor to find a resolution to complaints in a non-legalistic and speedy manner. Complaints that are dealt with satisfactorily through the conciliation process are resolved without any decision having to be as to whether or not a breach of the Code of Practice

took place. For the complainant, this means that the complaint is processed more speedily than if a decision has to be made by the Press Ombudsman and more importantly, the complainant is satisfied with the outcome.

Mediation

Complaints can also be resolved through mediation. This is where an editor and the complainant meet, on a strictly voluntary and confidential basis, to discuss a complaint with the aim of arriving at a mutually satisfactory settlement. The process is facilitated by a trained mediator who will assist the parties to clarify the issues involved and explore various options for coming to a resolution. It is swift



EYE OF A STORM Dara Mac Dónaill *The Irish Times*

Waves crash over Clontarf's sea wall and rush through the port holes of a nearby shelter as Storm Brendan hit the coast road in Dublin.

and flexible and presents an opportunity for complainants to meet with an editor to discuss their complaint in detail.

If a complaint cannot be resolved through conciliation or mediation the Press Ombudsman will make a formal decision on whether or not the Code of Practice was breached.

How complaints were resolved

Half of complaints processed in 2020 were resolved to the satisfaction of complainants.

The nature of complaints that were resolved ranged from issues relating to alleged inaccuracies, to the publication of photographs, to matters relating to the reporting of Covid-19, to online videos, online articles and pictures.

Complaints are resolved in many different ways and often editors will offer more than one means of resolving a complaint. The range of outcomes that can be achieved for the complainant depends on the nature and significance of the complaint, and whether the article was published in print, online, or both. There were a variety of ways in which complaints were resolved by editors, including:

- the amendment or deletion of online material
- the publication of a correction, apology, or clarification
- an undertaking by the editor on future coverage of the subject matter of the complaint
- meeting with editor
- the publication of a right of reply
- an explanation from the

editor of the background to publication of the material complained about.

Online articles

The majority of complaints that were resolved to the satisfaction of complainants related to online articles. While amending an online article is quite often a satisfactory and speedy resolution to a complaint, an online article is part of a publication's archive, so editors will seek some form of corroboration that an online article presented a breach of the Code before altering its archive (unless, of course, the inaccuracy is patently obvious).

A complaint about material published online can usually be resolved more speedily and more successfully than if the complaint was about something published in print. So, for instance, when

a man contacted the Office about a video on the website of a publication following a fire at a public house, on which he could be heard using an expletive, the publication swiftly deleted the commentary when the matter was brought to the editor's attention.

Sometimes an explanation from the editor as to why the material was published is all that is required. For instance, a woman complained about an article written about an assault involving her son and another boy. The woman complained that the article contained information that was inaccurate. However, when the editor provided the complainant with a copy of the official Garda press release, which included the information complained about, the woman accepted the veracity of what was published.

Quite a number of complaints that were resolved related to court reports. Court reports

form part of the public record. Notwithstanding that, we receive many complaints from people who have given evidence in open court who were not aware that all evidence, including their names and addresses, can be published as part of the public record (that is, so long as what was published does not otherwise breach the Code of Practice). Editors have explained that full names and addresses are published in court reports so as to distinguish the person giving evidence from any other person with the same name living in the same community or area, which could lead to a person being wrongly identified.

Public engagement

Our Office is committed to publicising the service that we provide as widely as possible, and to seeking out opportunities to engage with the public so as to ensure that the service we provide is familiar to anyone who might need it. We run information seminars and

training courses for voluntary organisations and support groups to assist them in their dealings with the press. These seminars are useful for advocacy teams, information officers and service users. They include an explanation of how a complaint should be made, what can be complained about, and what the likely outcome will be.

This service remained available throughout the year through video conferencing despite the restriction on work practices as a result of Covid-19.

Individuals and organisations should contact the Office directly if they would like us to run an information seminar or training course for their members.

We are also happy to offer advice and assistance to anyone who, while not wishing to make a formal complaint, may seek guidance on how to proceed with an issue relating to the press.



FANS FIND A WAY James Crombie *INPHO Photography*

Fans manage to watch Cork play Kerry behind closed doors in the Electric Ireland Munster GAA Minor Football Championship Semi Final in Tralee, Co. Kerry

THE PRESS COUNCIL OF IRELAND



GABRIELLE COLLINS
PA / Administration

The Press Council of Ireland has 13 members, who ex officio constitute the Board of Directors of The Press Council of Ireland CLG.

In 2020 Mr Brendan Butler and Ms Denise Charlton reached the end of their terms of office on the Council. They were replaced by Dr Tim Hinchey and Ms Edith Geraghty.

At 31 December 2020 the members of the Press Council were as follows:

Independent members:

- Mr Seán Donlon (Chairman)
- Ms Patricia O'Donovan (Deputy Chair)
- Dr Ruth Barrington
- Professor Maeve Conrick
- Ms Sunniva McDonagh
- Dr Tim Hinchey
- Ms Edith Geraghty

Members drawn from the press industry:

- Mr Ken Davis
- Ms Samantha McCaughran
- Mr Ruadhán Mac Cormaic
- Ms Catherine Lee
- Mr Frank Fitzgibbon
- Ms Siobhán Holliman

Annual General Meeting

The Press Council held its Annual General Meeting on 11 August 2020. The meeting approved the company accounts.

Code Committee

The Code Committee is responsible for keeping the Code of Practice under review and updating it when necessary, in consultation with the Press Council.

Members of the Code Committee:

- Mr Brendan Keenan (Chairman)
- Mr Kieran McDaid (Irish Daily Star)
- Mr Cormac Bourke (INM)
- Mr Colin Kerr (Euro Times)
- Mr Chris Dooley (The Irish Times)
- Mr David Burke (Tuam Herald)
- Mr Seamus Dooley (NUJ)
- Mr Peter Feeney (Press Ombudsman) (ex officio)

Appointments Committee

The independent public interest directors of the Press Council are appointed by an independent Appointments Committee

following a process of public advertisement, short-listing and interview. The Committee also receives nominations from the press industry for the remaining six industry seats on the Council.

At 31 December 2020 the members of the Appointments Committee were:

- Mr Dermot McCarthy
- Ms Bride Rosney
- Professor Frances Ruane
- Mr Seán Donlon (Chairman of the Press Council)

Appeals

Either party may appeal a substantive decision of the Press Ombudsman on one or more of the following grounds:

1. The procedures followed in making the decision were not in accordance with the published procedures for submitting and considering complaints.
2. That significant new information relevant to the original complaint is available that could not have been made available to the Press Ombudsman before making the decision.
3. That there has been an error in the Press Ombudsman's application of the Principles of the Code of Practice.

In 2020 the Council considered 14 appeals (two of the appeals were

carried over from the previous year). Three appeals were upheld and eleven were rejected.

The appeals that were upheld were as follows:

Mr David Quinn and The Irish Times (12 February article)

Mr Quinn appealed a decision of the Press Ombudsman that The Irish Times had taken, and offered to take, sufficient action to resolve a complaint he made under Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy) of the Code of Practice. The newspaper had amended the online article and offered to publish a correction in the print edition.

The Press Council upheld the appeal on the grounds that the Press Ombudsman had erred in his application of the Code because The Irish Times had not corrected the article in a manner that was in accordance with Principle 1 of the Code.

Mr David Quinn and The Irish Times (11 March article)

Mr Quinn appealed a decision of the Press Ombudsman that The Irish Times had offered to take sufficient action to resolve a complaint he made under Principle 1 (Truth and Accuracy) of the Code of Practice. The newspaper offered to publish a letter from Mr Quinn, and to remove from the online report a sentence that was at the centre of the complaint.

The Press Council upheld the appeal on the grounds that the Press Ombudsman had erred in his application of the Code because The Irish Times had not corrected the article in a manner that was in accordance with Principle 1 of the Code.

A Woman and the Waterford News & Star

The editor of the Waterford News & Star appealed a decision of the Press Ombudsman that

the publication had breached Principle 5.3 (Privacy) of the Code of Practice. The Ombudsman had upheld the woman's complaint on the basis that inclusion in an article reporting on the inquest into the death by suicide of the woman's husband, inclusion of a reference to the woman performing CPR was unnecessary and therefore breached the Code.

The Press Council upheld the appeal on the grounds that the Press Ombudsman had erred in his application of the Code. It noted that Principle 5.3 of the Code states that the feelings of grieving families should be taken into consideration in publishing information in situations of personal grief or shock, but that that this should not be interpreted as restricting the right to report judicial proceedings.

All appeals considered by the Press Council are available at www.presscouncil.ie



MUTANT WAVE Niall Carson *Niall Carson / PA Media*

A surfer braves terrifying waves caused by Atlantic swells in Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

PRESS COUNCIL



Members' Names

- 1** Mr Seán Donlon, Chairman **2** Ms Patricia O'Donovan, Deputy Chair
3 Prof Maeve Conrick **4** Dr Ruth Barrington **5** Ms Sunniva McDonagh
6 Mr Frank Fitzgibbon **7** Mr Ruadhán Mac Cormaic **8** Ms Catherine Lee
9 Mr Ken Davis **10** Ms Edith Geraghty **11** Dr Tim Hinchey
12 Ms Samantha McCaughren **13** Ms Siobhán Holliman



BRIGHT SPARK Damien Eagers *Damien Eagers Photography*

A fallow deer with an electrical cable wrapped around its antlers in Phoenix Park, Dublin.

FINANCE REPORT

The finances of the Press Council of Ireland are provided for, under the terms of its Constitution, by the Administrative Committee of the Press Council.

The Press Council and Office of the Press Ombudsman are fully funded by member publications and each member title of the Council is levied in accordance with formulae determined by the Administrative Committee.

The Administrative Committee is charged with making full provision for the administrative needs of the Press Council and Office of the Press Ombudsman including funding, premises and staffing.

The Administrative Committee includes representatives of NewsBrands Ireland, Local Ireland, Magazines Ireland, online-only news publications and the National Union of Journalists. It determines its own membership, with the exception of the Chair, who is appointed by the Press Council.

At 31 December 2020 the members of the Administrative Committee were:

- Ms Patricia O'Donovan (Chair)
- Mr Adrian Acosta
- Mr Vincent Crowley
- Mr Seamus Dooley
- Mr David McDonagh
- Ms Ann Marie Lenihan
- Mr Eoin McVey
- Mr Johnny O'Hanlon
- Mr Paul Henderson
- Mr Colin Kerr



HAVING A BALL Lorraine Teevan Lorraine Teevan Photography

Girls at St. Brigid's NS, Kiltgarry, Co. Cavan enjoy themselves during their "Wear your Holy Communion dress to school" day.

The costs for 2020 of the Press Council of Ireland and Office of the Press Ombudsman, together with comparative figures for the previous year, were as follows:

	2020	2019
Directors' fees	€26,250	€55,000
Staff salaries	€182,105	€221,329
Employer PRSI contributions for staff	€8,473	€13,873
Retirement benefits - defined contribution scheme	€4,464	€6,255
Seminars	-	€2,085
Hotels, travel and subsistence	€1,097	€2,745
Printing and stationery	€1,778	€8,040
Telephone	€1,819	€1,295
Computer costs	€7,084	€7,346
Memberships	€1,879	€508
Legal and professional	€3,230	€3,125
Auditors' remuneration	€3,150	€3,000
Bank charges	€381	€310
Sundry expenses	€3,728	€7,133
Rent, rates and services	€30,443	€33,977
Cleaning	€784	€1,222
Insurances	€4,753	€4,410
Repairs and maintenance	€1,415	€180
Conference attendance costs	€232	€1,119
Management services	€18,000	€18,000
Annual Report and launch	€800	€2,454
Student Bursary Awards	-	€4,128
Meeting room facilities	€618	€5,993
Depreciation	€1,090	€200
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€303,573	€403,727

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
Irish Daily Mail	Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, D04 HE94	01 637 5800	www.mailonline.ie
Irish Daily Mirror	2nd Floor, 9A Beckett Way, Park West Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 12.	01 868 8600	www.irishmirror.ie
Irish Daily Star	Independent Star Ltd, Independent House, 27 - 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 499 3400	www.thestar.ie
Irish Examiner	Linn Dubh, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 427 2722	www.irishexaminer.com
Irish Farmers Journal	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 419 9599	www.farmersjournal.ie
Irish Independent	Independent House, 27 - 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
Irish Mail on Sunday	Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, D04 HE94	01 637 5800	www.mailonline.ie
Irish Sunday Mirror	2nd Floor, 9A Beckett Way, Park West Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 12.	01 868 8600	www.irishmirror.ie
Sunday Independent	Independent House, 27 - 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
Sunday World	5th Floor, Independent House, 27 - 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 884 8973	www.sundayworld.com
The Business Post	Post Publications Ltd, 2nd Floor, Block B, The Merrion Centre, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	01 602 6000	www.businesspost.ie
The Herald	Independent House, 27 - 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 705 5333	www.independent.ie
The Irish Sun	The Watermarque Building, 1st Floor, 50 Ringsend Road, Dublin 4.	01 479 2579	www.thesun.ie
The Irish Sun on Sunday	The Watermarque Building, 1st Floor, 50 Ringsend Road, Dublin 4.	01 479 2579	www.thesun.ie
The Irish Times	The Irish Times Building, PO Box 74, 24 - 28 Tara Street, Dublin 2.	01 675 8000	www.irishtimes.com
The Sunday Times	The Watermarque Building, 1st Floor, 50 Ringsend Road, Dublin 4.	01 479 2424	www.sundaytimes.ie

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
Bray People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Carlow Nationalist	Hanover House, Hanover, Carlow.	059 917 0100	www.carlow-nationalist.ie
Clare Champion	Barrack Street, Ennis, Co. Clare.	065 682 8105	www.clarechampion.ie
Connacht Tribune	15 Market Street, Galway.	091 536 222	www.connachttribune.ie
Connaught Telegraph	No. 1 Main Street, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	094 902 1711	www.con-telegraph.ie
Derry News	19 Carlisle Road, Derry BT48 6JJ	+44 28 7129 6600	www.derrynow.com
Donegal Democrat	Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal.	074 912 8000	www.donegallive.ie
Donegal News	St. Anne's Court, High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	074 912 1014	www.donegalnews.com
Donegal People's Press	Larkin House, Oldtown Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.	074 974 0160	www.donegallive.ie
Donegal Post	Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal.	074 974 0160	www.donegaldaily.com
Drogheda Independent	9 Shop Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth.	041 983 8658	www.independent.ie
Dublin Inquirer	65 Crumlin Road, Dublin 12.	087 392 4796	www.dublininquirer.com
Dundalk Democrat	7 Crowe Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	042 933 4058	www.dundalkdemocrat.ie
Enniscorthy Guardian	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Fingal Independent	Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin.	01 840 7107	www.independent.ie
Gorey Guardian	Market Street, Gorey, Co. Wexford.	053 942 1091	www.independent.ie
Inish Times	33 Upper Main Street, Ardaraven, Buncrana, Co. Donegal.	074 934 1055	www.donegallive.ie
Kerrys Eye	22 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 714 9200	www.kerryseye.com
Kildare Nationalist	Hanover House, Hanover, Carlow.	045 432 147	www.kildare-nationalist.ie
Kildare Post	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.	045 408200	www.KildareNow.com
Kilkenny People	34 High Street, Kilkenny.	056 772 1015	www.kilkennypeople.ie
Laois Nationalist	Coliseum Lane, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 867 0216	www.laois-nationalist.ie
Leinster Express	107 Main Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 862 1666	www.leinsterexpress.ie
Leinster Leader	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.	045 897 302	www.leinsterleader.ie
Leitrim Observer	3 Hartley Business Park, Carrick-On-Shannon, Co. Leitrim.	071 962 0025	www.leitrimobserver.ie
Limerick Leader	29 Glentworth Street, Limerick.	061 214 500	www.limerickleader.ie
Longford Leader	Leader House, Dublin Road, Longford.	043 334 5241	www.longfordleader.ie
Mayo News	The Fairgreen, Westport, Co. Mayo.	098 253 11	www.mayonews.ie

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
Meath Chronicle	Market Square, Navan, Co. Meath.	046 907 9600	www.meathchronicle.ie
Midland Tribune	Connaught Street, Birr, Co. Offaly.	057 912 0003	www.offalylive.ie
Munster Express	37 The Quay, Waterford.	051 872 141	www.munster-express.ie
Nenagh Guardian	13 Summerhill, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.	067 312 14	www.nenaghguardian.ie
New Ross Standard	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie
Northern Standard	The Diamond, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.	047 821 88	www.northernstandard.ie
Roscommon Herald	St. Patricks Street, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.	071 966 2004	www.roscommonherald.ie
Sligo Champion	Connacht House, Markievicz Road, Sligo.	071 916 9222	www.sligochampion.ie
The Anglo Celt	Kilmore Business Park, Dublin Road, Cavan.	049 433 1100	www.anglocelt.ie
The Argus	Partnership Court, Park Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	042 933 4632	www.independent.ie
The Avondhu	Avondhu Press, 18 Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.	025 24451	www.avondhupress.ie
The Clare Echo	36c Abbey Street, Ennis, Co. Clare	065 671 9021	www.clareecho.ie
The Corkman	The Spa, Mallow, Co. Cork.	022 423 94	www.independent.ie
The Echo	Linn Dubh, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 427 2722	www.echolive.ie
The Kerryman	Denny Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	066 714 5560	www.independent.ie
The Leader	29 Glentworth Street, Limerick.	061 214500	www.limerickleader.ie
The Nationalist	Queen Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary	052 617 2500	www.tipperarylive.ie
The Southern Star	Ilen Street, Skibbereen, Cork.	028 212 00	www.southernstar.ie
Tipperary Star	Friar Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	0504 291 00	www.tipperarylive.ie
Tuam Herald	Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.	093 241 83	www.tuamherald.ie
Tullamore Tribune	William Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.	057 932 1152	www.offalylive.ie
Waterford News & Star	Gladstone House, Gladstone Street, Waterford.	051 874 951	www.waterford-news.com
Western People	Tone Street, Ballina, Co. Mayo.	096 60 999	www.westernpeople.ie
Westmeath Examiner	Blackhall Place, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.	044 934 6700	www.westmeathexaminer.ie
Westmeath Independent	11 Sean Costello Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	044 934 6700	www.westmeathindependent.ie
Wexford People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	090 643 4300	www.independent.ie
Wicklow People	Channing House, Upper Rowe Street, Wexford.	053 914 0100	www.independent.ie

MAGAZINES

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
Accountancy Ireland	Chartered Accountants House, 47 - 49 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.	01 637 7392	www.accountancyireland.ie
Business Plus	30 Morehampton Road, Dublin 4.	01 660 8400	www.bizplus.ie
Hotpress	100 Capel Street, Dublin 1.	01 241 1500	www.hotpress.com
Irish Country Magazine	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 419 9500	www.irishcountrymagazine.ie
Irish Medical Times	Merchants Hall, 25 Merchants Quay, Dublin 8.	01 817 6347	www.imt.ie
Irish Tatler	Post Publications Ltd, 2nd Floor, Block B, The Merrion Centre, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	01 602 6000	www.irishtatler.com
Law Society Gazette	Blackhall Place, Dublin 7.	01 672 4828	www.lawsocietygazette.ie
RTE Guide	RTE Publishing, RTE, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.	01 208 2920	www.rteguide.ie
Síocháin	Garda Síochána Retired Members Association, 5 Harrington Street, Dublin 8.	01 478 1525	www.gardaretired.com
Stubbs Gazette	The Priory, Stillorgan Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.	01 672 5939	www.stubbsgazette.ie
The Gloss	Gloss Publications Ltd., The Courtyard, 40 Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.	01 275 5130	www.thegloss.ie
The Irish Field	Irish Farm Centre, Bluebell, Dublin 12.	01 405 1100	www.irishfield.ie
The Irish Journalist	NUJ, 2nd Floor, Spencer House, Spencer Row, Off Store Street, Dublin 1.	01 817 0340	www.nuj.org.uk
Village	Ormond Quay Publishing, 6 Ormond Quay Upper, Dublin 7.	01 873 5824	www.villagemagazine.ie
Woman's Way	Harmonia Ltd., Rosemount House, Dundrum Road, Dundrum, Dublin 16.	01 240 5300	www.womansway.ie
Work & Life Magazine	IMPACT Trade Union, Nerneys Court, Dublin 1.	01 817 1500	www.impact.ie

ONLINE ONLY PUBLICATIONS

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
BreakingNews.ie	Landmark Digital, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 480 2309	www.breakingnews.ie
Buzz.ie	1st Floor, Independent House, 27 – 32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.	01 499 3440	www.buzz.ie
CarlowLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.carlowlive.ie
CorkBeo.ie	Morrison House, Morrison Quay, Cork.	021 494 970	www.corkbeo.ie
DerryNow.com	19 Carlisle Road, Derry BT48 6JJ.	00 44 28 7129 6600	www.derrynow.com
DonegalLive.ie	Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal.	074 912 8000	www.donegallive.ie
DublinLive.ie	2nd Floor, 9A Beckett Way, Park West Business Park, Clondalkin, Dublin 12.	01 868 8600	www.dublinlive.ie
EchoLive.ie	Linn Dubh, Assumption Road, Blackpool, Cork.	021 427 2722	www.echolive.ie
EVOKE.ie	Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, D04 HE94	01 637 5800	www.evoke.ie
Extra.ie	DMG Media (Ireland), 3rd Floor, Embassy House, Herbert Park Lane, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.	01 637 5800	www.extra.ie
KildareNow.com	Unit WD5, Toughers Industrial Park, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.	045 408200	www.kildarenow.com
OffalyExpress.ie	107 Lower Main Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	057 862 1666	www.offalyexpress.ie
Rollercoaster.ie	Top Floor, Two Haddington Buildings, 20-38 Haddington Road, Dublin 4, D04 HE94	01 6375800	www.rollercoaster.ie
TheJournal.ie	Journal Media Ltd, 3rd Floor, Latin Hall, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.	01 255 1300	www.thejournal.ie
The42.ie	Journal Media Ltd., 3rd Floor, Latin Hall, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.	01 255 1300	www.the42.ie
TipperaryLive.ie	Tipperary Star, Friar Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	0504 291 00	www.tipperarylive.ie
WaterfordLive.ie	Iconic Newspapers Ltd, 30 Hatch Lane, Dublin 2.	01 678 0000	www.waterfordlive.ie

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

TITLE	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEBLINK
Icarus	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.icarusmagazine.com
JOLT - Journal of Literary Translation	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Miscellany	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Motley	UCC Students' Union, 54 College Road, Cork.	021 490 3218	www.motley.ie
Pirhana!	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
SIN	C/o Students' Union, Aras na Mac Leinn, NUI Galway.	091 493 262	www.sin.ie
University Observer	UCD Students' Union, UCD Sports & Student Centre, Belfield, Dublin 4.	01 716 3835	www.universityobserver.ie
The University Times	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.universitytimes.ie
TN2	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Trinity Film Review	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitypublications.ie
Trinity News	House 6, Trinity College, Dublin 2.	01 896 2335	www.trinitynews.ie
UCC Express	UCC Students' Union, 54 College Road, Cork.	021 490 3218	www.uccexpress.ie

CODE OF PRACTICE

Preamble

The freedom to publish is vital to the right of the people to be informed. This freedom includes the right of the press to publish what it considers to be news, without fear or favour, and the right to comment upon it.

Freedom of the press carries responsibilities. Members of the press have a duty to maintain the highest professional and ethical standards.

This Code sets the benchmark for those standards. It is the duty of the Press Ombudsman and Press Council of Ireland to ensure that it is honoured in the spirit as well as in the letter, and it is the duty of Press Council print and online media members (the press) to assist them in that task.

In dealing with complaints, the Ombudsman and Press Council will give consideration to what they perceive to be the public interest. It is for them to define the public interest in each case, but the general principle is that the public interest is invoked in relation to a matter capable of affecting the people at large so that they may legitimately be interested in receiving and the print and online news media legitimately interested in providing information about it.

Principle 1 – Truth and Accuracy

- 1.1 In reporting news and information, the press shall strive at all times for truth and accuracy.
- 1.2 When a significant inaccuracy, misleading statement or distorted report or picture has been published, it shall be corrected promptly and with due prominence.
- 1.3 When appropriate, a retraction, apology, clarification, explanation or response shall be published promptly and with due prominence.

Principle 2 – Distinguishing Fact and Comment

- 2.1 The press is entitled to advocate strongly its own views on topics.
- 2.2 Comment, conjecture, rumour and unconfirmed reports shall not be reported as if they are fact.
- 2.3 Readers are entitled to expect that the content of the press reflects the best judgment of editors and writers and has not been inappropriately influenced by undisclosed interests. Wherever relevant, any significant financial interest of an organization should be disclosed. Writers should disclose significant potential conflicts of interest to their editors.

Principle 3 – Fair Procedures and Honesty

- 3.1 The press shall strive at all times for fair procedures and honesty in the procuring and publishing of news and information.
- 3.2 The press shall not obtain information, photographs or other material through misrepresentation or subterfuge, unless justified by the public interest.
- 3.3 Journalists and photographers must not obtain, or seek to obtain, information and photographs through harassment, unless their actions are justified in the public interest.

Principle 4 – Respect for Rights

Everyone has constitutional protection for his or her good name. The press shall not knowingly publish matter based on malicious misrepresentation or unfounded accusations, and must take reasonable care in checking facts before publication.

Principle 5 – Privacy

- 5.1 Privacy is a human right, protected as a personal right in the Irish Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights, which is incorporated into Irish law. The private and family life, home and correspondence of everyone must be respected.

5.2 Readers are entitled to have news and comment presented with respect for the privacy and sensibilities of individuals. However, the right to privacy should not prevent publication of matters of public record or in the public interest.

5.3 Sympathy and discretion must be shown at all times in seeking information in situations of personal grief or shock. In publishing such information, the feelings of grieving families should be taken into account. This should not be interpreted as restricting the right to report judicial proceedings.

5.4 Public persons are entitled to privacy. However, where people hold public office, deal with public affairs, follow a public career, or have sought or obtained publicity for their activities, publication of relevant details of their private life and circumstances may be justifiable where the information revealed relates to the validity of their conduct, the credibility of their public statements, the value of their publicly expressed views or is otherwise in the public interest.

5.5 Taking photographs of individuals in private places without their consent is not acceptable, unless justified by the public interest.

Principle 6 – Protection of Sources

Journalists shall protect confidential sources of information.

Principle 7 – Court Reporting

The press shall strive to ensure that court reports (including the use of images) are fair and accurate, are not prejudicial to the right to a fair trial and that the presumption of innocence is respected.

Principle 8 – Prejudice

The press shall not publish material intended or likely to cause grave offence or stir up hatred against an individual or group on the basis of their race, religion, nationality, colour, ethnic origin, membership of the travelling community, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, illness or age.

Principle 9 – Children

9.1 The press shall take particular care in seeking and presenting information or comment about a child under the age of 18.

9.2 Journalists and editors should have regard for the vulnerability of children, and in all dealings with children should bear in mind the age of the child, whether parental or other adult consent has been obtained for such dealings, the sensitivity of the subject matter, and what circumstances if any make the story one of public interest. Young people should be free to complete their time at school without unnecessary intrusion. The fame, notoriety

or position of a parent or guardian must not be used as sole justification for publishing details of a child's private life.

Principle 10 – Reporting of Suicide

In the reporting of suicide, excessive detail of the means of suicide should be avoided.

Principle 11 - Publication of the Decision of the Press Ombudsman / Press Council

11.1 When requested or required by the Press Ombudsman and/or the Press Council to do so, the press shall publish the decision in relation to a complaint with due prominence.

11.2 The content of this Code will be reviewed at regular intervals.



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