



Press Recognition Panel
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Madeline Moncrieff
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Sent by email

16 October 2018

Dear Ms Moncrieff,

I am writing in response to your letter to David Wolfe, Chair of the Press Recognition Panel (PRP), dated 8 October 2018.

I cannot pre-empt any decisions that the Board may choose to make, however the PRP does not plan to assess Yahoo News' compliance with the criteria listed in Schedule 3 of our Royal Charter, nor could we. The criteria apply to press regulators and an assessment can only be undertaken following an application for recognition from such a body.

However, the Board has noted comments made by stakeholders over the last four years about the recognition system and will report with reference to areas identified as important in our Charter. For example, I envisage that the Board will wish to report on any system of complaints or arbitration that Yahoo News operates.

Section 41 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 provides a definition of 'relevant publishers' and the Charter requires the PRP to take a view on which are 'significant relevant publishers' when we report. The Board did this when it identified a small sample of organisations to review as part of its 2018 report on the recognition system. Clarification of these definitions, however, is a matter for the courts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susie Uppal', is shown within a light grey rectangular box.

Susie Uppal
Chief Executive
Press Recognition Panel