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PCC announces Open Day in Ipswich

As part of its ongoing series of public events, the Press Complaints Commission is holding an Open Day in Ipswich on Tuesday 14 October.

The Open Day will take place at the St. Nicholas Centre in the centre of the city. There will be two parts to the day:

1) Surgery: 1pm

This informal session is designed for members of the public to raise any queries they might have about the press with PCC staff, who will be pleased to explain how the complaints process works and how the system of self-regulation operates on a day-to-day basis.

2) Question & Answer session: 2pm

This public session will run along the lines of 'Question Time', with a panel of experts taking questions about the PCC's work and the UK newspaper and magazine industry. The panel will include Tim Toulmin, the PCC's Director; Mike Pennock, thedeputy editor of the Ipswich Evening Star; and Malcolm Alcock, the newspaper's Ombudsman, who will discuss his role dealing directly with readers' queries.

Ipswich will be the 12th city that the PCC has visited since it began its series of Open Days in 2003. These events - which have generated excellent feedback in the past - provide a good opportunity for people to find out about the PCC first-hand. The event is free with no ticket required.

For further details about the day, or to reserve a place, please contact Tonia Milton on 020 7831 0022 or tonia.milton@pcc.org.uk.

Venue address: St. Nicholas Centre, 4 Cutler Street, Ipswich IP1 1UQ.

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