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Baroness Buscombe to chair PCC Open Day and Question Time in Nottingham

The new Chairman of the PCC, Baroness Buscombe, will chair a public meeting in Nottingham next month in her first public engagement since taking up her role in April 2009. The Open Day event forms part of the Commission's ongoing programme to raise awareness of its role, and will be the first such event held in the East Midlands.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 June. It will be divided into two sessions:

1) Surgery: 2.30 - 3.15pm

This session is designed to allow members of the public to have a private, informal chat with a member of PCC staff. We are happy to discuss concerns about individual articles or have a more general discussion about how the complaints process operates.

2) Question & Answer session: 3.30pm onwards

This open discussion will see a panel of experts answering questions about all aspects of press reporting. The panel will include the PCC's Director, Tim Toulmin; the editor of the Nottingham Evening Post, Malcolm Pheby; and Vivien Hepworth, one of the PCC's public Commission members. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Nottingham will be the twelfth city the PCC has visited since it began a programme of regional public meetings in 2002.

Both sessions are free to attend and are open to all interested parties. The venue will be the Galleries of Justice (Grand Jury Room), Shire Hall, High Pavement, The Lace Market, Nottingham NG1 1HN.

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

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