HoldtheFrontPage.co.uk Ltd - IPSO annual statement 2021

HoldtheFrontPage.co.uk Ltd was established in February 2000 by four regional press publishing groups and became an independently-owned entity in June 2017. The website <u>www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk</u>, is its sole publication. More information about the site can be found at <u>https://www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk/about/</u>.

Publisher Paul Linford is the sole director of the company and he can be contacted on 01332 895952 or paul.linford@htfp.co.uk

Our editorial standards

As a publication aimed mainly at journalists, we are very conscious that our audience may judge us more keenly than it would a publication aimed at a more general audience, and as such we always strive for the highest editorial standards

Chief among these are accuracy and objectivity. We want to be known as an independent, trusted source of news about UK journalism and everything we write is geared towards that.

So we do not, for instance, publish stories based on anonymous tip-offs unless they can be corroborated by an identifiable source, and we do not publish stories about publishing companies or their journalists without giving them right of reply.

As a member of IPSO HoldtheFrontPage subscribes to the Editor's Code of Practice and all editorial staff are given copies of the Code. It has not, thus far, been necessary for us to seek editorial guidance from IPSO although there may be circumstances in which we would do this.

Our complaints handling process

Our complaints procedure is set out in detail on the website at <u>https://www.holdthefrontpage.co.uk/complaints-process-for-holdthefrontpage/</u>. A link to this page can be found on the homepage of the website. It also contains details of how to make a complaint to IPSO.

Complaints can be made in writing or via email. All complaints will be dealt with by the Publisher. Records of all editorial complaints and their outcomes will be retained for a period of three years.

Our training process

All editorial staff are aware of the need to comply with the Editor's Code and in particular to uphold the highest standards of accuracy. Continuous on-the-job training is carried out in this regard.

Our record on compliance

There have been no complaints against HoldtheFrontPage which have been ruled on by IPSO's Complaints Committee over the past 12 months, and no significant concerns raised about our compliance with the Editor's Code over that period.

Paul Linford, Director, 20 April 2021.