

## ICO Leveson response: summary of actions – progress report at end of March 2013

<b>Action</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Progress</b>
To revise our Data Protection Regulatory Action Policy specifically to include detail on how we will use our regulatory powers in relation to the press.	End March 2013	Opportunity taken for a general review of the Regulatory Action Policy. Draft of revised policy now prepared. Sign off expected shortly.
In consultation with the press and broadcasting industry and the new press regulator, to develop a Code of Practice on the Data Protection Act and the media.	End May 2013	We completed a short public consultation on the likely scope and content of a proposed ICO code of practice on 15 March 2013. We are considering responses and deciding on future action and timings, taking account of wider developments on self-regulation. We shall meet stakeholders where appropriate after responses to the consultation have been reviewed. This is to be followed by a full public consultation on the code or guidance itself. <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk/about_us/consultations/~media/documents/library/Data_Protection/Research_and_reports/data_protection_and_the_press_ico_code_of_practice_pdf.ashx">http://www.ico.org.uk/about_us/consultations/~media/documents/library/Data_Protection/Research_and_reports/data_protection_and_the_press_ico_code_of_practice_pdf.ashx</a>
To prepare and issue guidance to the public in line with the Code of Practice.	End May 2013	Incorporated in the above action.
To add a section to our website dedicated to giving advice to individuals on their information rights vis-à-vis the media.	End January 2013	Completed 31 January 2013. <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk/for_the_public/topic_specific_guides/media.aspx">http://www.ico.org.uk/for_the_public/topic_specific_guides/media.aspx</a>
To provide regular updates to Parliament on the effectiveness of the measures we are adopting in response to Lord Justice Leveson's recommendations and more generally on our assessment of the culture, practices and ethics of the press in relation to the processing of personal data.	Ongoing. First update in Annual Report. End June 2013	An update for 2012-13 to be included in the ICO Annual Report due to be published end of June 2013.

<p>To engage with the Metropolitan Police Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers to set out formal policies and protocols for cases affecting the media.</p>	<p>In progress</p>	<p>On-going engagement with MPS and ACPO.</p>
<p>To draft a stakeholder engagement plan detailing the key stakeholders in the press and the nature and frequency of contact required. Once completed, to consider establishing a media reference panel.</p>	<p>End February 2013</p>	<p>Stakeholder engagement plan completed by end of February 2013. To be reviewed regularly and updated in line with developments on self-regulation.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ico.org.uk/~media/documents/library/Corporate/Research_and_reports/media-stakeholder-engagement-plan-20130228.pdf">http://www.ico.org.uk/~media/documents/library/Corporate/Research_and_reports/media-stakeholder-engagement-plan-20130228.pdf</a></p>
<p>To continue to digest Lord Justice Leveson's report and to consider whether we should establish a cross-office Enforcement Board to oversee the application of all our prosecution and civil enforcement powers.</p>	<p>End August 2013</p>	<p>We carried out a cross-office 'lessons learned' exercise, looking at issues identified in the Leveson Report where we could develop and improve our performance . Report on conclusions of the exercise to be considered by ET in April 2013 for endorsement and sign off. No recommendation for a cross-office Enforcement Board. Existing mechanisms including the Information Rights Committee provide effective oversight.</p>