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Response to public consultation for the review of the Editors' Code of Practice

I would like to thank you for inviting me to respond to the consultation on the Editors' Code of Practice.

I have a legal duty under the Children and Families Act 2014 to promote and protect children's rights in England and it is in this capacity that I am replying to the consultation.

My concern relates to the definition of children as those under the age of 16. Both the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Children Act 1989 passed by Parliament in this country, define children as being those under the age of 18. Therefore, I would like the Code to be amended to give 16 and 17 year olds the same protection which the Code rightly affords to those aged 15 and under.

I would, of course, be pleased to discuss this in greater detail with the Committee if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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