

## Minutes of the Press Distribution Review Panel Held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Via conference call

Present: Steve Cripwell Chair

Fiona Campbell Menzies Distribution Graham Read Retail Representative

Diane Sampson NMA

Paul Smith Smiths News

Pete Williamson Retail Representative

Apologies for absence
Trevor Hudson (PPA), Paresh Vyas (Retail Representative), Brian Murphy (Retail
Representative).
Minutes of previous meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> September and matters arising
The previous minutes were agreed.
Update on actions from previous minutes
None
Pre-Stage One update
YTD data was reviewed which showed a YoY increase in pre formal complaints of
5.7%. SN volumes continue to exceed those of MD.
A discussion considered the ongoing discrepancy between the two wholesalers
given both have a similar resolution process.
It was agreed that MD & SN would discuss potential causes of the differential and
feedback to the PDRP for inclusion in 2024 full year report.
Actions: MD & SN to discuss differential and root causes in pre-stage one complaints.
Retailer survey
SC to organise a new survey for early 2025.
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Charter / Service issues
Automation of online complaints to ensure that retailers provide all relevant
information about their complaint prior to submission remains under review.
Action: SC to continue to discuss with Mark Farris
Any Other Business
SC to send out 2025 meeting dates to similar schedule as 2024.