

Quest Media Network Ltd

Ipsos annual statement 2023

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Print publications

Tameside Reporter

Glossop Chronicle

Online news publications

Tameside Reporter

Glossop Chronicle

Oldham Reporter

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Name of publisher

Chris Bird, Executive Chairman, Quest Media Network Ltd,
Cavendish Mill, Bank Street, Ashton,-under-Lyne, OL6 7DN

Responsible person – Nigel Skinner, Editor.

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Quest Media Network Ltd consists of two paid for weekly newspapers – the Tameside Reporter and Glossop Chronicle, published each Thursday, an Online ‘Oldham Reporter’ news service plus Tameside Community Radio 103.6FM and all associated online services under the banner ‘Quest Media Network’ - <https://www.questmedianetwork.co.uk/>.

The newspaper group has been serving the communities of East Manchester, Glossop and the High Peak since 1855.

The Tameside Reporter and Glossop Chronicle are two traditional weekly newspapers, which would now be classed ‘hyper local’.

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Editorial Standards

We adhere strictly to the Editor’s Code and all journalists can reference <https://www.ipso.co.uk/faqs/editors-code/>

Complaints handling

In the first instance the journalistic team would request any complainant to communicate via email, phone or write to the editor to explain the nature of the complaint. The editor would take steps to resolve any complaints in the first instance. The complainant would be informed that we are members of IPSO and of relevant contacts. We display the IPSO mark in our publications and online.

Fact checking

Although we are a small team we retain a very traditional subbing system with all stories going through two very highly experienced sub editors (one the editor) before going live online / in print.

All reporters use notebooks / shorthand and keep their notes following interview. We have not had cause in the last 12 months to seek legal advice or pre-publication advice from IPSO.

All online materials – stories, photographs, videos are archived.

All pages are proof read by members of the editorial team before going to press.

3.2 N/A - We have not had any cause to refer to IPSO in the last 12 months.

3.3 Training of staff

On the job training continues for our young team of journalists, and needs discussed as required re online / social media with IPSO guidelines shared / available and very useful in this.

We now have three apprentice journalists at different stages of their training - and all are on NCTJ training programmes.

All are therefore undertaking NCTJ modules and sitting preliminary NCTJ exams.

Our sports apprentice has benefited from additional training through a BBC programme and received an NCTJ 'Student Sports Journalism Award' at last year's NCTJ Awards for Excellence.