## IPSO annual statement for National World Publishing Ltd: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

1 Factual information about the Regulated Entity

1.1 A list of its titles/products.

Attached on separate spreadsheet

1.2 The name of the Regulated Entity's responsible person.

Gary Shipton, Editor-in-Chief of Your World and National World is the responsible person for the company.

1.3 A brief overview of the nature of the Regulated Entity.

The regulated entity National World is a national and regional multimedia organisation in the UK. Its national brands are The Scotsman (Scotland), The News Letter (Northern Ireland) and <a href="mailto:nationalworld.com">nationalworld.com</a>. We provide news and information services to the communities we serve through our portfolio of publications and websites.

In 2024, National World acquired:

Athletics Weekly

Serious About Rugby League

The Business Magazine Group

They are being consolidated within the National World operation and will be subject to IPSO regulation and promote the IPSO contact information in the normal way in 2025.

We continue to set the highest editorial standards by ensuring that our staff are provided with excellent internally developed training resources. The Editors' Code of Practice is embedded in every part of our editorial operations and we commit absolutely to the principles expounded by IPSO.

We welcome and embrace the specific initiatives taken forward by IPSO in 2024:

Representatives of National World attended the excellent IPSO10 Conference which brought together publishers, editors, and industry stakeholders to reflect on a decade of achievements and discuss the future of independent press regulation.

National World platforms have incorporated the refreshed IPSO look with the updated IPSO Mark now featured in all our publications.

We have flagged to editorial staff the updated guidance on reporting major incidents which provides editors and journalists with a clear framework for reporting with accuracy and sensitivity in such an event; and we have modified our training modules to reflect the Amendment to Clause 6 of the Code which took effect in January 2025. The responsible person at National World, Gary Shipton, is a member of the Editors' Code Committee.

National World continues to operate an internal Editorial Governance Committee with the key remit to consider, draft, implement and review the policies, procedures and training for the whole Group to ensure compliance with its obligations under IPSO.

2 Copies of any internal manuals, codes or guidance used by journalists

Below

3. Brief details of the compliance process

Our training process

The Editors' Code is the standard used throughout the Group. Our staff undergo training to ensure they fully understand the Editors' Code and know how to apply the Code in real-life settings when seeking and drafting editorial content and dealing with any issues that may subsequently arise.

Updates to the Editors' Code and supporting Codebook along with any guidance issued is communicated to all members of staff. This communication takes place through National World's Editorial Learning and Development Department and is reinforced by the Editorial Directors and Editors in their regular briefings to their teams.

The Editorial Learning and Development Department provides an online training programme which tests staff on a range of scenarios which touch on various aspects of the Code and this module has been updated to reflect the more recent changes in the Editors' Code.

The Editors' Code is made available to new trainees joining National World and trainees are also put through the National Qualification in Journalism run by the National Council for the Training of Journalists. This includes training in ethical issues which is tested in the Media Law and Practice exam.

It is a condition of employment of all editorial staff, contained within their contracts, that

they fully observe the standards required by IPSO as explained within the Code. It is also a condition of commissioned freelance contributors that they fully comply with the Code. This is also made clear through the induction process for all new editorial employees.

Law and ethics refreshers are an integral part of the National World training programme and the Editorial Learning and Development website includes material on ethical issues as well as the IPSO Code and National World complaints procedures.

Pre-publication guidance is provided in the first instance internally by the Editor-in-Chief and the Legal Director. All Editors have been informed of the IPSO contacts for which pre-publication advice should be sought. National World has a robust editorial management structure which ensures that whenever a story might require verification it is fully assessed but responsibility for the tone and content of every title remains with the Editor.

## Our record on compliance

Whenever there is an adverse adjudication against a National World publication, it is referred to National World's Editorial Governance Committee. The Committee examines the censure in the context of other adjudications and then initiates a full investigation. The investigation identifies the failings and the steps needed to ensure no repetition locally or across the Group.

These recommendations can include training requirements and potential changes to National World's editorial policies and procedures.

4. Details of the steps taken by the Regulated Entity in response to any adverse Adjudications by the Regulator during the previous year.

The following was the one complaint against National World Publishing which was upheld by the Complaints Committee in 2024:

## O4272-24 v The Star (Sheffield) (National World Publishing Ltd)

1 A summary of the complaint: A reader's letter was published in the print edition of the Sheffield Star on June 12, 2024 which stated that students in Sheffield campaigning for Palestinians were "brainwashed". A number of readers complained to The Star and to IPSO that the detail contained in the letter was offensive and Islamophobic.

2 The action we took to resolve it: Publication of the letter was a grave error by the print team concerned and we immediately accepted our mistake. In the next issue of the newspaper, June 13, we published an apology, as well as a page of readers' letters responding to the letter under complaint. The apology appeared on the same page in a

similar position to the original letter, was highlighted with a red border and was signed by the print editor.

It was headlined "Apology" and stated: "We would like to sincerely apologise for a letter about student campaigns which appeared in The Star yesterday. We fully accept that the publication of the letter was a serious misjudgement and we are deeply sorry." The senior editor also wrote to apologise personally to every person who complained to us, in a timely fashion and where possible on the same day as their complaint was received. As well as expressing our unconditional apology we endeavoured to make it clear The Star was not aligned with the views expressed in the letter. In some cases this correspondence led to a positive dialogue with the readers concerned.

3 The action we took to avoid a repetition: The editor and print team staff who were responsible for the inclusion of this letter were spoken to at length about this matter. Our process of checking and rechecking readers' letters for publication across all our regional daily titles was revisited, examined and reinforced. It was made clear to all teams in the Daily Press Division there must never be a repeat of the inclusion of such material. IPSO's Complaints Committee ruled on July 16 that whilst the complaint was upheld the remedial action already taken by The Star (the apology, and the publication of the readers' letters) to be sufficient and did not require any further action.

National World Complaints Policy (Internal)

Internal Editorial Complaints Policy (FOR STAFF ONLY) [REDACTED]

Digital site
3addedminutes.com
anguscountyworld.co.uk
banburyguardian.co.uk
bedfordtoday.co.uk
biggleswadetoday.co.uk
birminghamworld.uk
blackpoolgazette.co.uk
<u>bristolworld.com</u>
bucksherald.co.uk
burnleyexpress.net
buxtonadvertiser.co.uk
chad.co.uk
daventryexpress.co.uk
derbyshiretimes.co.uk
<u>derryjournal.com</u>
dewsburyreporter.co.uk
doncasterfreepress.co.uk
edinburghnews.scotsman.com
expressandstar.com
falkirkherald.co.uk
farminglife.com
fifetoday.co.uk
gallowaygazette.co.uk
glasgowworld.com

halifaxcourier.co.uk
harboroughmail.co.uk
harrogateadvertiser.co.uk
hartlepoolmail.co.uk
hemeltoday.co.uk
hucknalldispatch.co.uk
lancasterguardian.co.uk
leightonbuzzardonline.co.uk
<u>lep.co.uk</u>
lincolnshireworld.com
<u>liverpoolworld.uk</u>
londonworld.com
lutontoday.co.uk
manchesterworld.uk
meltontimes.co.uk
miltonkeynes.co.uk
nationalworld.com
newcastleworld.com
newschainonline.com
newsletter.co.uk
northamptonchron.co.uk
northantstelegraph.co.uk
northernirelandworld.com
northumberlandgazette.co.uk

nottinghamworld.com
peopleworld.co.uk
peterboroughtoday.co.uk
portsmouth.co.uk
rotherhamadvertiser.co.uk
scotsman.com
shieldsgazette.com
shropshirestar.com
stornowaygazette.co.uk
sunderlandecho.com
sussexexpress.co.uk
thescarboroughnews.co.uk
thesouthernreporter.co.uk
thestar.co.uk
wakefieldexpress.co.uk
warwickshireworld.com
wigantoday.net
worksopguardian.co.uk
worldofwomenssport.com
yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk
yorkshirepost.co.uk
Sport Network, formerly ScoopDragon:
goonernews.com
chelseanews.com

manunews.com
mancitynews.com
wslnews.net
walkon.com
newcastleunitednews.org
rangersfcnews.com
hammersheadlines.com
celticfcnews.com
<u>bladesnews.com</u>
boronews.com
afcbournemouthnews.com
astonvillanews.com
<u>brentfordnews.com</u>
seagullsnews.com
crystalpalacenews.com
<u>itsonlyrugby.com</u>
evertonnews.com
fulhamnews.com
leedsunitednews.com
nottinghamforestnews.com
leicestercitynews.com
saintsnews.com
spursnews.com
wolvesfcnews.com

birminghamcitynews.com
roversnews.com
<u>blackpoolfcnews.com</u>
<u>burnleyfcnews.com</u>
cardiffcitynews.com
huddersfieldtownnews.com
hullcitynews.com
boronews.com
norwichcitynews.com
<u>qprnews.com</u>
readingfcnews.com
<u>bladesnews.com</u>
stokecitynews.com
<u>blackcatsnews.org</u>
swanseacitynews.com
watfordfcnews.com
<u>laticsnews.com</u>
westbromnews.com
wanderersnews.com
addicksnews.com
derbycountynews.com
pompeynews.com
<u>owlsnews.com</u>
wrexhamworld.com

celticfcnews.com
heartsnews.com
apidsnews.com
dynamonews.com
lagalaxynews.com
torontofcnews.com
nflreports.com
ncaareports.com
ukeducationnews.co.uk
eurovisionworld.org
Acquisitions 2024
<u>seriousaboutrl.com</u>
athleticsweekly.com

Print magazine	Website
	<u>insidermedia.com</u>
Midlands Business Insider	
North East Business Insider	
Yorkshire Business Insider	
South West Business Insider	
Wales Business Insider	
South East Business Insider	

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Parent Title Name	Frequency	Paid/Free	Edition	Edition	Edition	Edition	Edition
Banbury Guardian	Weeklies	Paid	Banbury Guardian				
Bucks Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Bucks Herald				
Biggleswade Chronicle	Weeklies	Paid	Biggleswade Chronicle				
Boston Standard	Weeklies	Paid	Boston Standard				
Bedfordshire Times & Citizen	Weeklies	Free	Bedford Times & Citizen				
Buckingham Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Bucks & Winslow Advertiser				
Buxton Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Buxton Advertiser				
Chronicle & Echo	Weeklies	Paid	Chronicle & Echo				
Derbyshire Times	Weeklies	Paid	Derbyshire Times				
Daventry Express	Weeklies	Paid	Daventry Express				
Eastwood & Kim Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Eastwood & Kimberley Advertiser				
Peterborough Telegraph	Weeklies	Paid	Peterborough Telegraph				
Gainsborough Standard	Weeklies	Paid	Gainsborough Standard				

Hucknall Dispatch	Weeklies	Paid	Hucknall Dispatch			
Hemel Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Hemel Gazette			
Horncastle News	Weeklies	Paid	Horncastle News			
Leamington Courier	Weeklies	Paid	Leamington Spa Courier			
Leighton Buzzard Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Leighton Buzzard Observer			
Louth Leader	Weeklies	Paid	Louth Leader			
Luton News	Weeklies	Paid	Luton News			
Mansfield Chad	Weeklies	Paid	Mansfield Chad	Ashfield Chad		
Harborough Mail	Weeklies	Paid	Harborough Mail			
Milton Keynes Citizen	Weeklies	Paid/Free	Milton Keynes Citizen			
Matlock Mercury	Weeklies	Paid	Matlock Mercury			
Market Rasen Mail	Weeklies	Paid	Market Rasen Mail			
Melton Times	Weeklies	Paid	Melton Times			
Northamptonshire Telegraph	Weeklies	Paid	Northants Telegraph	Corby Telegraph		

Rugby Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Rugby Advertiser		
Skegness Standard	Weeklies	Paid	Skegness Standard		
Sleaford Standard	Weeklies	Paid	Sleaford Standard		
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Fife Free Prepress	Weeklies	Paid	Fife Free Press		
Falkirk Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Falkirk Herald		

Fraserburgh Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Fraserburgh Herald			
Fife Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Fife Herald	St. Andrews Citizen		
Glenrothes Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Glenrothes Gazette			
Kirkintilloch Herald & Bishopsbrigg Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Kirkintilloch Herald & Bishopsbrigg Herald			
Lanark Gazette & Carluke Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Lanark Gazette & Carluke Gazette			
Linlithgowshire Journal	Weeklies	Paid	Linlithgow Gazette	Boness Journal	Queensferry Gazette	
Midlothian Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Midlothian Advertiser			
Milngavie Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Milngavie & Bearsden Herald			
Mearns Leader & Kincardinshire Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Mearns Leader & Kincardinshire Observer			
Motherwell Times & Bellshill Speaker	Weeklies	Paid	Motherwell Times & Bellshill Speaker			
Stornoway Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Stornoway Gazette			
Southern Reporter	Weeklies	Paid	Southern Reporter			
Scotland On Sunday	Weeklies	Paid	Scotland on Sunday			
The Scotsman	Dailies	Paid	Scotsman			

Berwick Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Berwick Advertiser	
Hartlangel Mail	Weeklies	Paid	Hartlengel Mail	
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Morpeth Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Morpeth Herald	
News Post Leader	Weeklies	Paid	News Post Leader	
Northumberland Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Northumberland Gazette	
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Shields Gazette	Dailies	Paid	Shields Gazette	
Sunderland Echo	Dailies	Paid	Sunderland Echo	
Clitheroe Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Clitheroe Advertiser	
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Chorley Guardian	Weeklies	Paid	Chorley Guardian	
Blackpool Gazette	Dailies	Paid	Blackpool Evening Gazette	
Fleetwood Weekly News	Weeklies	Paid	Fleetwood Weekly News	
Burnley Express Friday	Weeklies	Paid	Burnley Express Friday - Burnley	
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Garstang Courier	Weeklies	Paid	Garstang Courier	
Lytham St Annes Express	Weeklies	Paid	Lytham St. Annes Express	

Lancaster Guardian	Weeklies	Paid	Lancaster Guardian				
Lancashire Post	Dailies	Paid	Lancashire Evening Post				
Morecambe Visitor  Nelson Leader	Weeklies	Paid Paid	Morecambe Visitor  Nelson Leader -  Nelson				
Wigan Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Wigan Observer				
Wigan Post Weekly	Weeklies	Paid	Wigan Post Weekly				
Crawley Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Crawley Observer				
West Sussex County Times	Weeklies	Paid	West Sussex County Times				
Eastbourne & Hailsham Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Eastbourne & Hailsham Herald				
Hastings Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Hastings, St Leonards & Rye Observer	Bexhill & Battle Observer			
Mid Sussex Times	Weeklies	Paid	Mid Sussex Times				
Portsmouth News	Dailies	Paid	Portsmouth News				
Sussex Express	Weeklies	Paid	Sussex Express - Lewes	Sussex Express - Uckfield	Sussex Express - Seaford	Sussex Express - Hailsham	

Chichester Observer	Weeklies	Paid	Chichester Observer	Bognor Regis Observer	Midhurst & Petworth Observer	
West Sussex Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	West Sussex Gazette			
Littlehampton Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Littlehampton Gazette			
Worthing Herald	Weeklies	Paid	Worthing Herald			
Coleraine & Ballymoney Times	Weeklies	Paid	Coleraine & Ballymoney Times			
Banbridge Chronicle	Weeklies	Paid	Banbridge Chronicle			
Derry Journal - Friday	Weeklies	Paid	Derry Journal Friday			
Derry Journal - Tuesday	Weeklies	Paid	Derry Journal Tuesday			
Farm Week	Weeklies	Paid	Farm Week			
Lurgan Mail	Weeklies	Paid	Lurgan Mail			
Londonderry Sentinel	Weeklies	Paid	Londonderry Sentinel			
Larne Times	Weeklies	Paid	Larne Times	Carrick Times	Newtonabbey Times	
Mid Ulster Mail	Weeklies	Paid	Mid Ulster Mail			

Newry Reporter	Weeklies	Paid	Newry Reporter				
Belfast Newsletter	Dailies	Paid	Newsletter - Ulster				
Portadown Times	Weeklies	Paid	Portadown Times				
Ulster Star	Weeklies	Paid	Ulster Star				
Brighouse Echo	Weeklies	Paid	Brighouse Echo				
Doncaster Free Press	Weeklies	Paid	Doncaster Free Press				
Dewsbury Reporter	Weeklies	Paid	Dewsbury Reporter	Batley News	Spenborough Guardian		
Halifax Courier	Weeklies	Paid	Halifax Courier				
Scarborough News	Weeklies	Paid	Scarborough News				
Yorkshire Evening Post	Dailies	Paid	Yorkshire Evening Post				
Bridlington Free Press	Weeklies	Paid	Bridlington Free Press				
Harrogate Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Harrogate Advertiser	Knaresborough Post	Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale Herald	Ripon Gazette	Wetherby News
Pontefract & Castleford Exp	Weeklies	Paid	Pontefract & Castleford Express				

Pocklington Post	Weeklies	Paid	Pocklington Post				
Sheffield Star	Dailies	Paid	Sheffield Star				
Sheffield Telegraph	Weeklies	Paid	Sheffield Telegraph				
Hebden Bridge & Todmorden News & Times	Weeklies	Paid	Todmorden News				
Wakefield Express	Weeklies	Paid	Wakefield Express				
Whitby Gazette	Weeklies	Paid	Whitby Gazette				
Yorkshire Post	Dailies	Paid	Yorkshire Post - Main Edition				
Rotherham Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Rotherham Advertiser				
Dearne Valley Weekender	Weeklies	Free	Dearne Valley Weekender				
Express & Star	Dailies	Paid	Express & Star - West Edition	Express & Star - East Edition			
Shropshire Star	Dailies	Paid	Shropshire Star - County Edition	Shropshire Star - East Edition			
Chronicle Week	Weeklies	Free	Cannock Chronicle	Dudley & Stourbridge Chronicle	Wolverhampton Chronicle	Walsall Chronicle	Sandwell & Halesowen Chronicle

Shrewsbury Chronicle	Weeklies	Free	Shrewsbury Chronicle			
Telford Journal	Weeklies	Free	Telford Journal			
South Shropshire Journal	Weeklies	Paid	South Shropshire Journal	Mid Wales Journal		
Bridgnorth Jounal	Weeklies	Paid	Bridgnorth Jounal			
				Market Drayton		
Newport Advertiser	Weeklies	Paid	Newport Advertiser	Advertiser		
Farmer	Monthly	Free	Farmer			
Shropshire Magazine	Monthly	Paid	Shorpshire Magazine			
Athletics Weekly			Athletics Weekly			
Magazine	Monthly	Paid	Magazine			