



# Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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By email

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Dear Dame Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2023 setting out ITV's response to the reports of a relationship between Phillip Schofield and a young employee on the This Morning programme.

The Committee regards the media industry's duty of care towards its staff a matter of the highest importance. Whilst the recent coverage focuses on the Schofield case, it also raises fundamental issues about safeguarding and complaint handling both at ITV and more widely across the media. These issues should, particularly in the case of Public Service Broadcasters, be open to scrutiny.

The public must have confidence in the robustness of Public Service Broadcasters' safeguarding procedures. Whilst these are issues that we want to discuss first with ITV, we will also consider them in our regular scrutiny sessions with other Public Service Broadcasters, including the BBC later this month and Channel 4 later in the year.

With this in mind, we look forward to meeting with you at 10am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June so that we can raise these issues with you directly. This will enable the session previously scheduled with ITV and other commercial Public Service Broadcasters on 6<sup>th</sup> June to focus on its intended purpose of scrutinising the Government's draft Media Bill.

It is incumbent upon all media organisations to demonstrate how seriously they take their responsibilities and your appearance before the Committee will enable ITV to do so.

Kind regards,

**Dame Caroline Dinenage DBE MP**  
**Chair, CMS Committee**