



Director, News and Current Affairs

Sir Peter Sutherland, KCMG
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Dear Sir Peter,

The BBC Trust Editorial Standards Committee will today make public its findings on the LSE's complaint about our *Panorama* programme 'North Korea Undercover'.

We fully accept that the use of the LSE's address on the North Korea visa applications was inappropriate and that this risked linking the LSE with the trip and resulted in unfair treatment to the LSE.

We also accept that securing informed consent should normally be the priority where a conflict arises between the need to minimise risk and the need to secure informed consent from people who put themselves at risk for the BBC.

While we are pleased that the Trust recognised that we were right to broadcast this programme given the strong public interest justification for broadcasting it, and that we made strenuous efforts to inform those involved, we recognise that we fell short. On behalf of the BBC, I would like to apologise to you and the LSE.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Harding'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

James Harding
Director, BBC News & Current Affairs