

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between October and December 2018

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Reporting of suicide	Potential publication of excessive detail about the method of suicide used.	<p>IPSO has produced guidance for journalists and editors on the reporting of suicide which will be updated to include some recent complaints as case studies.</p> <p>Reporting of suicide also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice.</p>
Confidential sources	Publication of information which may have identified someone who wanted to be anonymous.	Complaints of this nature are rare but will continue to be monitored.
Accuracy	Several complaints relating to an alleged or established (through a ruling by the Committee) failure by a publication to take care to publish information accurately.	<p>These complaints highlight specific issues relating to the processes which publishers must follow in order to ensure accuracy.</p> <p>These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes.</p>
Privacy	Publication of private personal information.	On-going monitoring of complaints relating to this theme.