

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between April and June 2019

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Victims of sexual offences	<p>Publication of information which was likely to lead to the identification of a victim of a sexual offence.</p> <p>Two headlines implied victims consented to sexual abuse on articles about sexual offences.</p>	<p>Guidance for journalists and editors on the reporting of sexual offences has been published. The reporting of sexual offences is included in training sessions for journalists.</p> <p>Complaints of this nature are being actively monitored.</p>
Welfare of children	<p>Publication of photographs of children relating to their welfare without the consent of their parent.</p> <p>Publication of information potentially identifying vulnerable children.</p>	<p>IPSO is producing guidance for journalists and editors on reporting on children. This case will be included in training sessions for journalists.</p> <p>IPSO has published information for the public on this topic.</p>
Reporting of suicide / Excessive detail	<p>Potential publication of excessive detail about the method of suicide used.</p>	<p>Guidance for journalists and editors on the reporting of suicide has been published.</p> <p>The reporting of suicide is included in training sessions for journalists.</p>
Vulnerable people	<p>Two articles about vulnerable people raised concerns about the way the subjects were portrayed.</p>	<p>Reporting about vulnerable people will be a priority area for IPSO in 2020.</p> <p>Complaints of this nature are being actively monitored.</p>
Accuracy	<p>A number of articles about the online challenge, "Momo". The challenge was later claimed to be a hoax.</p>	<p>IPSO's guidance for journalists on the reporting of suicide will be updated to include this challenge and this will also be covered in training to journalists. The Samaritans have produced a guest blog on IPSO's website on online challenges.</p>