

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between April and June 2021

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Reporting of coronavirus	<p>Upheld complaint after a publication breached someone's privacy by reporting that they had tested positive for coronavirus.</p> <p>Upheld complaint after the publication of an inaccurate headline and article about how schools would look after lockdown ended.</p> <p>Four complaints about inaccurate articles about vaccines. Two complaints were upheld and two resolved directly between the complainant and publication.</p>	<p>IPSO now publishes case studies of coronavirus-related complaints on its website to highlight relevant complaints. https://www.ipso.co.uk/responding-to-covid-19/covid-case-studies/</p> <p>Complaints about the coronavirus pandemic are being actively monitored and we have begun work on a full review of complaints in this area.</p>
Children in sex cases	<p>Publication of identifying information about the relationship between a convicted sex offender and victim in a court report. The complaint was upheld.</p>	<p>IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting sexual offences. The reporting of sexual offences is included in training sessions for journalists.</p> <p>IPSO will produce guidance for editors and journalists about court reporting.</p>
Reporting of crime	<p>Upheld complaints after three related newspapers identified someone in a report about a court case who was not genuinely relevant to the story.</p> <p>Complaint that somebody was identified who was not relevant to an article. Complaint was not upheld.</p>	<p>Upheld complaints under Clause 9 (Reporting of crime) are relatively rare. We will monitor the situation closely to look for evidence of a concerning pattern.</p>
Accuracy relating to archive information	<p>Upheld complaint after articles did not make clear that information related to historic and not recent events.</p> <p>Upheld complaint after a publication reported that an old photograph was recent.</p> <p>Complaint about an article featuring somebody who had died which implied that they were still living. Complaint</p>	<p>These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes.</p>

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Domestic abuse	Two upheld complaints relating to articles about domestic abuse. The publications were unable to demonstrate care taken not to publish inaccurate information.	IPSO is currently producing information for the public on the reporting of domestic abuse.