Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between January and March 2023

| **Theme** | **Issues arising** | **Actions by IPSO in response** |
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| Court reporting | Inaccurate report of a man’s conviction and failure to remove an inaccurate user comment which implied that he was guilty of a different offence.  Report of a court case where child victims were identified. Complaints were not upheld.  Complaint about the photograph of a defendant outside court was not upheld. | IPSO guidance on court reporting published in 2022. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2284/ipso-court-reporting-guidance.pdf>  IPSO produced information for the public on reporting on children in 2019. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/harassment/advice-for-the-public/#JournalismAndChildren> |
| Intrusion into grief | Publication of an inquest report into a baby’s death which identified a sibling was not upheld.  Publication of an inquest into a man’s death was not found to be inaccurate.  An article reporting on the death of a woman in a road accident was not upheld. | Revised guidance for journalists on deaths and inquests was published in January 2023. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2296/deaths-and-inquests-guidance.pdf> |
| Comment pieces | Inaccurate information about football sponsorship was included in a comment piece.  Publication of an inaccurate statement in a comment piece. | IPSO’s newsletter to publishers in October 2022 was about comment pieces. |
| Accuracy | Three publications misrepresented a report into the death of a woman in hospital.  Misrepresentation of a poll about Scottish independence.  Description of a supporter of an MP was not ruled to be inaccurate. | Revised guidance for journalists on deaths and inquests was published in January 2023. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2296/deaths-and-inquests-guidance.pdf>  IPSO’s newsletter to publishers in April was on the use of statistics and data. |