

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between July and September 2019

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Reporting of suicide / Excessive detail	Potential publication of excessive detail about the method of suicide used in a number of articles.	Guidance for journalists and editors on the reporting of suicide has been published. Reporting of suicide also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice.
Privacy	Potential publication of private personal information.	Ongoing monitoring of complaints relating to this theme.
Anonymity	A victim of sexual offences named in online comments under an article on the publication's Facebook page. Two defendants aged under 18 whose anonymity had not been lifted named in reports of a court case. A victim of sexual offences named in a photograph caption.	Complaints of this nature are being actively monitored. IPSO contacted relevant publications to raise concerns about the issues raised.
Intrusion into grief	Publication of pictures which potentially intruded into individuals' grief or shock in the aftermath of deaths.	IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting deaths and inquests, which includes a section on breaking news of a death. Reporting of deaths also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice. These issues are being actively monitored.
Accuracy	Complaints relating to an alleged or established (through a ruling by the Committee) failure by a publication to take care not to publish information inaccurately.	These complaints highlight specific issues relating to the processes which publishers must follow in order to ensure accuracy. These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes.