

## Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between July and September 2021

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Reporting of coronavirus	<p>Upheld complaints after two publications published inaccurate articles about coronavirus restrictions.</p> <p>Upheld complaint after a local publication reported inaccurate information about a school closing.</p> <p>Upheld complaint after a publication breached someone's privacy by reporting that they were being treated for coronavirus.</p> <p>Complaint about an article discussing regulations at Christmas not upheld.</p> <p>Complaint about a potential breach of privacy for people photographed at a party during restrictions not upheld.</p>	<p>IPSO's Covid Report was <a href="#">published</a> in November 2021, in which the regulator reviewed all complaints about Covid-related reporting to identify trends and offer guidance on reporting in this area.</p> <p>Complaints about coverage of the coronavirus pandemic continue to be actively monitored.</p> <p>IPSO publishes case studies of coronavirus-related complaints on its website to highlight relevant complaints.  <a href="https://www.ipso.co.uk/responding-to-covid-19/covid-case-studies/">https://www.ipso.co.uk/responding-to-covid-19/covid-case-studies/</a></p>
Reporting of suicide	<p>Complaints about potentially excessive details made by third parties.</p> <p>Complaint about accuracy in an inquest report resolved directly between complainant and publication.</p>	<p>IPSO published guidance for journalists on the reporting of suicide.</p> <p>Reporting of suicide is also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice. IPSO is recruiting for a training officer to increase training capacity.</p>
Accuracy relating to reporting of deaths	<p>Upheld complaint about the inaccurate spelling of a deceased person's name in a front-page article.</p> <p>Upheld complaint regarding inaccurate information published about a man's death.</p>	<p>These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes.</p>
Children in sex cases	<p>Complaint about potential identification of a young child in a court report not 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>

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	<p>Third party complaint about potential identification of a victim of a sexual offence.</p> <p>Concerns about language used in two separate articles about a child who was a potential victim of a sexual offence. Complaints were rejected as they did not raise a potential breach of the Editors' Code of Practice.</p>	<p>IPSO is producing guidance for editors and journalists about court reporting.</p>
Domestic abuse	<p>Third party complaint about an article reporting on a woman who attacked a man's property.</p> <p>Third party complaint about a description of a man who had murdered his partner in two different publications.</p> <p>Third party complaint about an attack on a woman caught on film by a journalist.</p>	<p>IPSO is currently producing information for the public on the reporting of domestic abuse.</p>