

## Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between October and December 2019

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Accuracy	Failure to take care by publications to publish information accurately.	These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes.
Reporting of statistics	Complaints involving the presentation of statistics in reports or opinion pieces which were disputed by complainants. One complaint was upheld.	Complaints of this nature will continue to be monitored.
Reporting of sexual offences	Articles which potentially identified a victim of sexual offences.  A man charged with a sexual offence disputed the way his crime was reported.	IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting sexual offences. The reporting of sexual offences is included in training sessions for journalists.
Reporting of suicide/intrusion into grief	Potential publication of excessive detail about the method of suicide in an inquest report and language which was potentially insensitive.	Guidance for journalists and editors on the reporting of suicide has been published. The reporting of suicide is included in training sessions for journalists.  IPSO has published guidance for journalists on reporting deaths and inquests. Reporting of deaths also incorporated into broader training for newsrooms on the Editors' Code of Practice.
Complaints handling	Failure by publication to handle a complaint in a timely fashion.	IPSO will contact the publication in respect of these concerns and to offer training on complaints handling and compliance with the Code.