

Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between July and September 2022

Theme	Issues arising	Actions by IPSO in response
Welfare of children	Upheld complaint after a newspaper published information which affected a child's welfare without parental consent.	These cases are closely monitored. IPSO has produced information for the public on reporting on children. https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/1967/children-pub-info-v4.pdf
Domestic abuse	Upheld complaint after a publication published inaccurate information in a court report about the sentencing of a perpetrator of domestic abuse.	IPSO's information for the public about reporting on domestic abuse was published in July. https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2185/ipso-domestic-abuse-public.pdf The IPSO podcast with the Women's Aid Head of Media was released in September. https://www.buzzsprout.com/155382/11443033
Inaccurate headlines	Upheld complaint after a publication misrepresented a police press release in the headline of an article. Upheld complaints after two separate publications inaccurately reported on two MPs' expenses. Three upheld complaints after three publications inaccurately reported that a nightclub sold alcohol to a 16-year-old girl.	These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes. IPSO's publisher newsletter for its member publications in July was on the subject of headlines.
Privacy	Two publications breached a man's privacy by reporting on his conversion to Islam. A complaint about a private message being discussed in a comment piece and podcast was not upheld.	Complaints about a potential breach of privacy are actively monitored. IPSO's training newsletter for its member publications for May was on the subject of privacy.

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	Two complaints about court reports were resolved between the complainants and the publication.	
Reporting of coronavirus	Four complaints in respect of articles in different publications, about whether individuals had breached Covid restrictions were not upheld.	IPSO's Covid Report was launched in November 2021. https://www.ipso.co.uk/responding-to-covid-19/the-covid-report/