Quarterly analysis of standards themes arising

Themes between April and June 2023

| **Theme** | **Issues arising** | **Actions by IPSO in response** |
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| Victims of sexual assault | Victims of sexual offences identified in their community from a court report. | Revised guidance for journalists and editors on reporting of sexual offences has been published in July 2023. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2420/sexual-offences-guidance.pdf>  Training to be given to publication. |
| Welfare of children | Photographs of children published in five publications without their parent’s consent alongside articles which related to their welfare.  A 15-year-old was identified in a court report in breach of reporting restrictions. | IPSO produced information for the public on reporting on children in 2019. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/harassment/advice-for-the-public/#JournalismAndChildren>  IPSO guidance on court reporting published in 2022. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2284/ipso-court-reporting-guidance.pdf> |
| Privacy | A breach of privacy of a homeless man. | Case studies about privacy are included in IPSO’s training for journalists. |
| Accuracy | Inaccurate online and print article which misrepresented a Rabbi’s actions.  Article about a local cricket club was inaccurate and had mis-identified an individual.  The findings of a tribunal were inaccurately reported.  A complaint about an article which reported on a planning application was resolved through IPSO mediation. | These issues will be monitored to ensure that there are not consistent failures in such processes. |
| Discrimination | Discriminatory comments about the Duchess of Sussex in a comment piece.  Complaint not upheld regarding about an article which reported that an individual identified as non-binary. | An update on this complaint can be seen here: <https://www.ipso.co.uk/rulings-and-resolution-statements/ruling/?id=18626-22>  IPSO’s guidance on sex and gender has been published in July following the completion of a public consultation. <https://www.ipso.co.uk/media/2423/guidance-sex-gender-identity.pdf> |