

IMPRESS Code Review: Call for Evidence

Peter Hopkins Submission

This submission is based on recent research about the issue of misrecognition - <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/24694452.2016.1270192> - alongside the publication of the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Tackling Islamophobia media guidelines about reporting on Islam and Muslims - <https://36v.c53.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Media-guidelines-reporting-on-Muslims-and-Islam-full-report.pdf>

Within your code clause in relation to discrimination, specific points are made about protected characteristics but little mention is made about those who are discriminated against as a result of being mistaken for belonging to a particular group (in the case of the article mentioned above, misrecognised as being Muslim). It may be useful to consider including this in the clause.

Also, on the basis of the media guidelines produced by the CPG, the issues of representation and portrayal were deemed significant and so this included not only discriminatory news stories but the use of images, photographs or other visual materials that could be discriminatory in nature. Perhaps it would be useful to consider inclusion of both text and images/representation in this clause?