

Dr Ruth Richardson:  
Dear editors

You are consulting the public concerning the Editors' Code.

There are several areas of the Code which need improvement, above all, in my view the terrible misogyny of the press. I am so sick of the constant sexualisation of women, which has no parallel with how men are portrayed.

The code should be changed entirely to ensure the equality of the sexes. If it's not done to a man, it should not be done to a woman: especially if done without consent. That means all women in public and private life. The everyday sexism of the press in the UK is quite shameful.

The coverage of domestic violence should not present it as if the violence was the victim's fault, nor should the press appear to exonerate or excuse the killer in ANY WAY.

Victims of domestic violence or of rape should not have their experience trivialised or minimised, and their private lives speculated about.

Yours sincerely,  
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