

Rachel Charlton Dailey and others:

Dear IPSO editor's code review committee.

I am aware that the editor's code is up for review so am writing to ask that you change clause 12. Currently, the clause prohibits discrimination against an individual. However, it does not stop discrimination against groups of people who fall under protected characteristics such as disability, gender, sexuality, race or religion.

This has meant that amongst other things, most recently that many members of the press have been allowed to write pieces insinuating that ADHD isn't real as they were not about one specific person. However, these pieces are very damaging to people with ADHD as it can make it harder for them to have their needs met and not be believed by those in positions of power. These pieces also incite abuse of disabled people which is very traumatic.

Disability, gender, sexuality, race and religion are all protected under the Equality Act, making it illegal to discriminate against people for them, how is it allowed in the media?

This is why I think Clause 12 must be changed to involve groups of people, not just for my community but for others who are subjected to abuse.

I am a journalist and activist who has [has previously written](#) about how I want IPSO to write guidelines on disability. I am willing to work with you on this.