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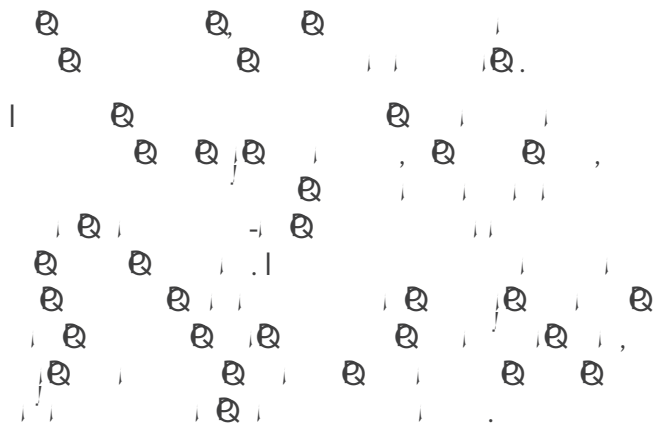
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TOPICS TO BE EXPANDED

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### ADVOCACY VS FAIR AND BALANCED JOURNALISTIC PRACTICE

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## FEEDBACK ON DELIVER AND ONGOING SUPPORT

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**Media champions and mentors**

Some of the key findings from the consultation were that media champions and mentors are essential for ensuring that the reporting of child sexual abuse is handled in a sensitive and accurate manner. These individuals play a crucial role in providing support and guidance to journalists and other media professionals who may be covering the topic. They also help to ensure that the reporting is based on accurate information and that the needs of the victims and their families are taken into account. The consultation highlighted the importance of having a network of media champions and mentors who can provide ongoing support and advice to the media. This network should include individuals from a range of backgrounds and experiences, including journalists, police officers, and social workers. The consultation also identified the need for training and support for media champions and mentors, so that they can effectively fulfil their role. This training should cover a range of topics, including the legal framework for the reporting of child sexual abuse, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting. The consultation also identified the need for a central point of contact for the media, who can provide information and support to journalists and other media professionals. This point of contact should be able to provide information on the current state of the law, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting. The consultation also identified the need for a central point of contact for the media, who can provide information and support to journalists and other media professionals. This point of contact should be able to provide information on the current state of the law, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting.

**Best practice, award and reward schemes**

The consultation identified a number of best practice examples of award and reward schemes that have been implemented in other jurisdictions. These schemes are designed to recognize and reward journalists and other media professionals who have demonstrated exceptional skill and sensitivity in their reporting of child sexual abuse. The consultation identified the need for a central point of contact for the media, who can provide information and support to journalists and other media professionals. This point of contact should be able to provide information on the current state of the law, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting. The consultation also identified the need for a central point of contact for the media, who can provide information and support to journalists and other media professionals. This point of contact should be able to provide information on the current state of the law, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting.

**Dissemination**

The consultation identified a number of key findings that will inform the development of the media guides. These findings include the need for a central point of contact for the media, the need for training and support for media champions and mentors, and the need for a central point of contact for the media. The consultation also identified the need for a central point of contact for the media, who can provide information and support to journalists and other media professionals. This point of contact should be able to provide information on the current state of the law, the needs of victims and their families, and the importance of accuracy and sensitivity in reporting.





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