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Date: October 19, 2016 at 10:42:24 AM MST
Subject: National NewsMedia Council complaint, Ottawa Sun
To: tedjkuntz@gmail.com, "Owens, Anne Marie (National Post)"
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Cc: John Fraser <jfraser@mediacouncil.ca>

Dear Mr. Kuntz,

The National NewsMedia Council has received your complaints about the Ottawa Sun article on the topic of administering and tracking immunization for school children.

We have reviewed your complaint and the article, and find your concern about portraying immunization as mandatory was addressed in reporting on exemption rates, which will let a reasonable reader know that parents have the right to seek such exemption.

The NewsMedia Council has also found that balanced reporting does not require every article to delve deeply into an issue when the great majority of science and expertise rests on one side of the issue.

Given that the article meets established journalistic standards for accuracy and fairness, we can find no basis for your complaint.

Kind regards,
Pat

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From: National NewsMedia Council [mailto:info@mediacouncil.ca]
Sent: Sunday, October 02, 2016 6:11 PM
To: complaints@mediacouncil.ca
Subject: Complaint Submission from Ted Kuntz, re: Ottawa Sun

1. Complainant Information
Name
Ted Kuntz
2. Media Information
Media Name
Ottawa Sun
Journalist
Elizabeth Payne
Publication date
09/29/2016

Article headline / link

“With New School Year, Vaccine Blitz Begins” / <http://www.ottawasun.com/2016/09/28/with-new-school-year-vaccine-blitz-begins-again>

3. Summary of Complaint**Complaint summary**

In the article Ms. Payne creates the false impression that vaccination is a requirement in the Province of Ontario in order for children to attend school. This is a clear misrepresentation of the facts. All vaccinations in Canada are voluntary. What is required in the Province of Ontario is up-to-date documentation of adhering to the recommended vaccine schedule or a statement of exemption for medical, religious or reason of conscience. Payne fails to inform readers that parents have the legal right to exempt their children from the practice of artificial immunization.

I suggest that Ms. Payne would reasonably be expected to have knowledge of Ontario's laws governing vaccination of children in school and daycare. This begs the question why Ms. Payne omits vitally important information about parents' legal right to obtain conscience or religious based vaccine exemptions under ISPA.

The Ottawa Sun and Ms. Payne appear to be actively engaged in depriving Ottawa's citizens of their Charter rights to fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion, their legal right to security of the person, and their medical right to informed consent.

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4. Contact with Media Representative**Name of person contacted**

Michelle Richardson, Editor in Chief

Date

10/02/2016

5. Submit Complaint**Consent to collection and use of personal information**

- Yes

Acceptance of Agreement

- I Accept