

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 January to 31 March 2021

IPSO will publish information on a quarterly basis where we have received more than ten complaints under Clause 12 of the Editors' Code of Practice about the same issue. The information below gives a brief summary of the types of complaints received and the outcome. It is not intended to be exhaustive and the statistics about the numbers of complaints received are accurate up to the end of the relevant quarter. These statistics do not include any cases still under investigation; cases relating to any non-regulated publications; or cases where IPSO received fewer than 10 complaints.

Headline	Publications	Characteristics/group	Analysis
Over 100 complaints			
Between 10 and 100 complaints received			
Irvine Welsh and his Rangers comments were close to the bone but does any real person actually care?	dailyrecord.co.uk	Alfredo Morales, Rangers fans and Protestants	Article defending comments made by author Irvine Welsh about footballer Alfredo Morales. Complainants believed the comments could amount to a hate crime and that the journalist was defending the use of sectarian terms considered offensive to Rangers fans and Protestants. Complaints were made by third parties.
Will no one rid us of these Lefty priests?	Daily Mail / Mail Online	Priests, Reverend Jarel Robinson-Brown	Opinion piece criticising a tweet made by a Church of England clergyman who is black. Complainants believed the headline could incite racists to attack the clergyman, and that the article discriminated against him and other left-wing clergy. Complaints were made by third parties.
How long before BLM pull down Sir Tom's statue?	Daily Mail / Mail Online	Black Lives Matter supporters	Opinion piece claiming that if a statue to Captain Sir Tom Moore was erected, it might be pulled down by Black Lives Matter supporters. Complainants objected to this accusation and believed the article was discriminatory towards Black Lives Matter supporters, and could inflame divisions between different groups of people. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.

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REAL HUN-GER	thescottishsun.co.uk	Rangers fans and Protestants	Online article about Rangers Football Club which featured a headline splitting the word "hunger" into "Hun" and "Ger"; apparently intended as a play on words, for Rangers' nickname Gers. However, complainants believed the use of the word "Hun" was discriminatory towards Protestants as this has been used as a sectarian term of abuse in Scotland. The article's headline has since been amended and a footnote clarification and apology added to the article. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
Teenager, 18, who was 'tormented by jealousy' because of fears over her boyfriend's contacts with other women hanged herself after taking cocaine, inquest	Mail Online	An individual and people with mental health problems	Inquest report into the suicide of a young woman. Complainants believed that details in the article were inappropriate and discriminatory towards those with mental health issues. The article is no longer online. Complaints were made by third parties.
A BROKEN MAN	The Sunday Times Magazine	Jordan and Mikhaila Peterson	Print and online interview with the psychologist Jordan Peterson, particularly focusing on his recent health issues. Complainants felt that comments about his mental and physical health and gender were discriminatory and irrelevant. Some complainants believed the description of Peterson's daughter's appearance were sexist. Complaints were made by third parties.
Dating app Her stands by transgender community after Father Ted creator Graham Linehan poses as trans woman	metro.co.uk	Graham Linehan	Article about the writer Graham Linehan who was accused of infiltrating a dating app aimed at women. Some complainants believed the article was discriminatory towards him as they believed he was not offered a right of reply and that the article misrepresented his actions. Complaints were made by third parties.
Stony-faced Kate and Camilla break cover day after devastating allegations from Sussexes trashed their husbands for not being protective and understanding enough to 'suicidal race-victim' Meghan	Mail Online	The Duchess of Sussex and people with mental health issues	Online article about members of the royal family, in the wake of the interview given by the Duchess of Sussex, in which she revealed that she had felt suicidal. Complainants believed the phrase "suicidal race victim" used in the headline was unacceptable and promoted both racism and the stigmatisation of those with mental illnesses. Some believed that putting the phrase in quotation marks implied that the Duchess had not suffered racism or mental health issues. Complaints were made by third parties.