

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 July to 30 September 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 received			
EXCLUSIVE: 'If I'd been a young, black, gay woman I'd have been ok': Two men at ad agency JWT win sex discrimination case after gay female director vowed to 'obliterate' Mad Men reputation of being full of 'white, straight men'	Mail Onilne	An individual	Article about two men who won a tribunal after being made redundant from an advertising agency. The article profiled the company's global creative director who is female and in a same-sex relationship. Complainants believed information about her private life and sexuality was irrelevant to the article. They also objected to photographs of her in swimwear, when the men who were involved in the case were shown fully clothed. Complaints were made by third parties.
Between 10 and 100 complaints received			
Girl, 11, becomes Britain's youngest mother after getting pregnant aged just TEN	Mail Online	Girls and women	Article about a ten-year-old girl who is Britain's youngest mother. The girl (who was not named in the article) was described as having "fallen pregnant." Complainants believed that she had been raped and that this was not accurately reported. They believed that the tone of the article was misogynistic and attempted to blame the victim, and that it discriminated against girls, women and victims of sexual offences. Complaints were made by third parties.
SAVE US ROBERTO, YOU'RE OUR... FINAL HOPE	The National	English people	Front page article depicting Roberto Mancini, the Italian football manager, as Braveheart. The caption encouraged him to lead his team to victory over England in the Euro 2020 final. Complainants said the article was racially prejudiced against the English and would lead to anti-English feeling. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.

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Between 10 and 100 complaints received (cont.)			
Peter Brookes Times cartoon: July 14 2021	The Times	Priti Patel	Cartoon depicting the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, being gagged by hands holding facemasks. Complainants believed that it was racist and sexist, as the cartoon showed a woman of colour being gagged by male hands. Complaints were made by third parties.
Farmer blasts EU red tape stopping workers flow to UK - fears shops will use Europe goods	express.co.uk	European citizens	Online article which quoted a farmer complaining that post-Brexit regulations make it harder for migrant workers to come and work on UK farms. Complainants believed that the article was inaccurate and had been written to raise tensions with the EU and cause distrust of EU citizens, many of whom live in the UK. Complaints about the inaccuracy of the headline were investigated by IPSO and upheld under Clause 1 (Accuracy). The headline has been amended and a correction published. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
DAN WOOTTON: Schizophrenic Boris needs to make up his mind - either Covid is still a mortal threat and we should all be in lockdown. Or it's now just another 'flu and we need to get on with our lives	Mail Online	People with schizophrenia	Opinion piece about the Prime Minister's attitude towards coronavirus. Complainants objected to the use of the word "schizophrenic" in the headline. They considered this inaccurate as the Prime Minister does not have this condition; and offensive to use it in a derogatory way or as a term for someone who cannot make up their mind. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. Complaints were made by third parties.
Inquiry launched into row over 'transphobia' in Edinburgh pub	edinburghnews.scotsman.com	An individual / transwomen	Online article about an incident in an Edinburgh pub in which a group of women were accused of being transphobic. The article originally referred to a member of staff using male pronouns. Complainants believed the article misgendered the staff member and made irrelevant references to their sexual orientation. The article has since been edited and a footnote clarification added to reflect the fact that the bar employee identifies as "they/she". Complaints were made by third parties.
Cops probe Gers media partner over hate tweets / BEYOND OFFENSIVE	Daily Record	Rangers fans and Protestants	Front page article about a police investigation into social media posts by the podcast management team of Rangers Football Club. Complainants believed that the article was biased and attacked supporters of Rangers because the journalist supports Celtic. They believed the newspaper was stoking division. Complaints were made by third parties.