

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 January to 31 March 2022

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			
Should Scotland introduce Covid internment camps? [Facebook post]	dailyrecord.co.uk	People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19	Facebook post by the publication which included a graphic that asked, "Should Scotland introduce Covid internment camps?" Complainants said that this question was designed to provoke hatred and it was inflammatory towards people who were not vaccinated. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
Time to get tough with job refusers	Daily Mirror	People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19	Print and online comment piece about people who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19. Complainants said that the language used was discriminatory and offensive towards those who were not vaccinated. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.
Between 10 and 100 complaints received			
Antivaxxers are dumb as breeze blocks - it's time we stopped tolerating them	express.co.uk	People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19	Online opinion piece which complainants said was divisive, incited hatred towards those who were not vaccinated and would encourage a two-tier society. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. A complaint about the accuracy of a statistic is being investigated under IPSO's usual procedures.

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Between 10 and 100 complaints received (cont.)			
Defiant Celtic fans clash with police in Glasgow as they storm football ground to watch match after crowds were capped at 500 in Sturgeon's Christmas crackdowns	Mail Online	Celtic fans	Online article about the behaviour of Celtic fans outside a football ground. Complainants said that the article was inaccurate and discriminatory towards one group of supporters. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. The complaint was upheld under Clause 1 (Accuracy).
It's time to punish Britain's 5 million vaccine refuseniks	Daily Mail	People who have not been vaccinated against Covid-19	Further comments about a print and online comment piece from last quarter, which complainants said was discriminatory and defamatory towards people who have chosen not to have the Covid-19 vaccination. Others said that "refusenik" was a pejorative term. No complaint of discrimination against an individual. A complaint about accuracy is being investigated under IPSO's usual procedure.
Why women should stop moaning about MANSPLAINING / Anguish of the men whose babies were aborted against their will	Daily Mail	Women	Print headlines displayed next to each other on the front page of the paper. Complainants believed the headlines were sexist and the juxtaposition of both headlines was creating an attack on women. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.