

Clause 12 (Discrimination) Analysis 1 October to 31 December 2020

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			
No complaints			
Between 10 and 100 complaints			
Woman had sex on pavement with stranger after sharing a bottle of White Storm cider when her train was delayed	manchestereveningnews.co.uk	An individual / women	Court report about a woman who was found guilty of outraging public decency by having sexual intercourse with a man in public. Complainants believed that the woman was unfairly discriminated against as the man she was caught with was not photographed. Complainants felt that this was misogynistic. The man was due in court on a separate date, and an article about his court case, including his photograph, has now been published. Complaints were made by third parties.
Covid has made heroes of many of our workers... but not teachers	The Sun	Teachers	Opinion piece which complainants felt was derogatory towards teachers. Some believed the article tarnished an entire profession and did not provide a balanced view of what teachers have done during the pandemic. No complaint of discrimination against an individual.