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#MeToo fuels big rise in sex discrimination cases

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Revelations of sexual harassment in Hollywood and business contributed to a 69 per cent jump in the number of sex discrimination claims brought to British employment tribunals in the year to March, according to an employment law firm.

Research by [GQ Littler](#) showed that 9,340 claims were lodged in tribunals in Great Britain in 2018-19, compared with just 5,522 in the year to March 2018. The spike follows revelations by women, in what became known as the #MeToo movement, of sexual harassment by powerful men.

The claims brought to employment tribunals cover myriad forms of sexual discrimination, including in hiring and other forms not related to harassment. The statistics do not record the form of sex discrimination alleged.

However, [Hannah Mahon](#), a partner at GQ Littler, attributed the spike largely to a big increase in the public airing of sexual harassment claims.

"It's a much more public thing now," Ms Mahon said of awareness of sexual harassment. "People are starting to understand their rights and feeling less shy about speaking out."

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