

Pregnant worker claims male colleague called her 'sugar t***' and asked her to get 'her boobs out' in the office

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An office worker has told an employment tribunal that she was subjected to a daily barrage of sexual and inappropriate remarks about her breasts.

The blonde woman, who was pregnant at the time of the alleged abuse, claims one male colleage called her 'sugar t^{***} ' and told her: 'Get your boobs out'.

She said the man also told her 'your boobs look huge' and asked her to 'suck my c***'.

In addition, she claimed the man told her to 'FIFO' - an abbreviation for the phrase 'fit in or f*** off'.

Pornographic emails were shared in the office, which made the woman feel 'embarrassed', the tribunal in Exeter, Devon, was told.

It was claimed that more inappropriate comments were made about her after a photograph of a woman wearing a bikini was put on a wall.

The woman, who is in her 20s, said her colleagues 'hardly batted an eyelid' over what was happening.

She said she became worried about what to wear at work because of comments that were made about her 'legs, breasts and other parts of my body'.

She said she feared more sexual comments, telling the tribunal: 'I was too scared to wear my smart white blouses to work and did not take off my blazer.'

The Devon woman, who is claiming sexual discrimination, said: 'I did not want to appear a prude. The whole experience was very upsetting.

'I was shocked. I should have complained at the time.'

The woman claimed the office was 'like a playground' with a lot of 'banter and pranks'.

Paper balls wrapped in tape were hurled around the office and bounced off walls and windows, hitting the woman in the face, the tribunal heard.

She said: 'It was like a rowdy classroom when the teacher was out.'

The woman added that one of her male colleagues told her: 'I am here to make money not friends.'

She said she was subjected to daily abuse, but admitted burying 'her head in the sand because I needed to earn a living'.

The judge hearing the tribunal made an order banning the media from reporting the names of the people involved, as well as the company and its activities.

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