

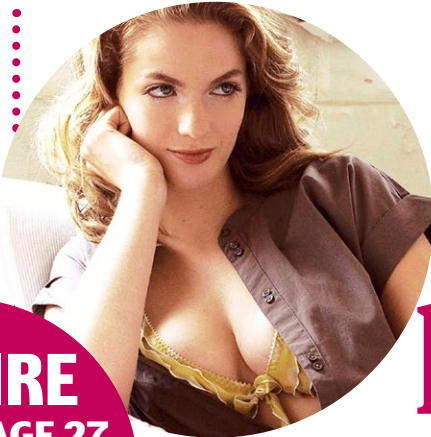


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Labour-backing GMB branded a 'vipers' nest' as leader is accused of harassing female reps

**THE head of Sir Keir Starmer's union is embroiled in allegations of harassing and bullying women.**

Former senior officials claim the GMB – one of Labour's biggest backers which boasts the Prime Minister among its 500,000-plus members – is a

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'vipers' nest', and workers' subs are 'used like confetti' to fight complaints.

General secretary Gary Smith, who endorsed Sir Keir for PM, was allowed to run for the role despite

four counts of bullying and harassment against a female union rep being upheld in their entirety by an internal GMB investigation in 2020.

After securing the £148,000-a-year job, Mr Smith was secretly recorded warning a female employee 'we've got better lawyers than you' after she brought a sexual harassment claim against another official.

Mr Smith admitted that the man

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