

# A Tale of Two Paramedics.

Both working in big English cities, Manchester and Birmingham. Both with a sectionality, one a gay man, one a Muslim woman (that's actually two, intersectioning).

One going by the name of 'Tom' the other Mahdiyah.

Back in March Tom telephoned Talk Radio and spoke to presenter *Cristo Fofas*. Tom told of an incident where a mosque in Manchester, which he did not name, refused to allow him entry to attend to a heart attack patient as they discerned, correctly, from his piercings and style of dress within the limits of his uniform, that he is openly gay. To quote from the [passionate about challenging homophobia](#), and that could be the reason why we couldn't get in touch with him."

I didn't get to hear the radio clip before it was taken down. But if the radio presenter who actually spoke to him, live, believes that there is a possibility that he isn't using his real name, and now feels the need to keep a low profile because of homophobia I feel inclined to trust the presenter. They don't get to be experienced radio presenters [demonisation of mosques](#) was made up" and "Basic checks would have prevented this dangerous lie being spread".

Therefore the Star and Talk Radio removed the story and [Bandali of Birmingham who spoke to the Metro](#) yesterday.

Mahdiyah Bandali, 22, says she has foul-mouthed Islamophobic abuse hurled at her on an at least fortnightly basis – even while saving people's lives. She revealed patients have called her a 'f\*\*\*\*\*g p\*\*i', even while wearing her paramedic uniform.

'But I've experienced abuse multiple times within my career.' Mahdiyah believes it happens about once every fortnight, and sometimes multiple times on each shift. She

claimed she had even faced racist comments from members of the healthcare profession. 'I've received abuse not just from patients, but wider NHS staff as well,'

She takes time from her busy working life to tweet about the racism she alleges that she has faced via her account [Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities](#) chaired by