

Quarterly Report of Appeals, Complaints and Advice

The BBFC is the regulator of commercial and internet content delivered via the mobile networks of EE, O2, Three and Vodafone.

In the interest of transparency, the BBFC publishes all of its adjudications in relation to cases reported to it of purported underblocking or overblocking, along with requests for advice on whether particular content should go behind parental controls or adult filters.

We keep this list updated as and when new cases are reported to us and publish updates every three months.

In all cases, the BBFC conveys its adjudication to (i) the complainant, appellant or person or body seeking advice; (ii) Mobile UK; and (iii) the relevant mobile network operator(s).

The adjudication that a website contains no material that we would classify 18 does not necessarily mean that we believe it is suitable for younger children.

In the following cases, the adjudications represent an assessment of the content according to the dates listed below. Any subsequent changes to content have therefore not been viewed by the BBFC, although we reserve the right to change our adjudication should altered content be brought to our attention subsequently.

January 2021

15 January 2021

Website

<https://www.goodnewsaboutgod.com/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 15 January 2021.

We noted that the site presents as a religious blog discussing faith and health. Numerous articles on the site make negative generalisations about particular groups of people (for example, Jewish people) which could be interpreted as having the potential to encourage discriminatory and harmful views. As such, we did not consider the website to be suitable for people under the age of 18 and would classify it at least 18.

28 January 2021

Website

<https://icmi2021.icmi.info/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC adjudicated on the website on 28 January 2021.

We noted that the website is promoting the 2021 International Conference on Men's Issues. The site includes information about key speakers and topics due for discussion at the conference. The website also contains information on resources, including notable books, websites, and videos. Text on the site includes references that could be interpreted as negatively describing particular groups - in this case, women and feminists - and encouraging discriminatory attitudes that are not clearly condemned; this is also the case in links to online videos and other websites, all of which are prominently featured on the site. We recommended that it remain behind filters.

29 January 2021

Website

<http://www.gaiaguru.co.uk>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC adjudicated on the website on 29 January 2021.

We noted that the site retailed a range of CBD based products. The site contained general information on CBD, as well as a 'Frequently Asked Questions' section which emphasised that the CBD products advertised do not possess any psychoactive properties. There were also disclaimers emphasising that none of the products on sale have medicinal value and should not be used as medicine. We found no content which we would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

February 2021

1 February 2021

Website

www.purdey.co.uk

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 February 2021.

We noted that the site advertises the sale of shotguns, rifles and ammunition, in a sporting context, together with online retail of associated clothing and accessories. Only the associated products are available for online purchase and delivery, with sale of firearms and ammunition restricted to collection in shop on production of a valid licence. The site further contains advice on the safe and legal storage, transportation and use of firearms. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

3 February 2021

Website

<http://doctorsnotestore.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 February 2021.

The BBFC looked at the website <http://doctorsnotestore.com> on 03/02/21, following a request from an MNO who had received a complaint from a member of the public. We noted that the site offers convincingly realistic UK medical notes for a fee. While no instructional detail on how to produce a note of the same detail is given, the 'satisfied customer' quotes and extensive lists of how the notes may be employed appears to encourage their use in illegal activity. Disclaimers on the site state that: "although our products look extremely authentic, they are for educational/entertainment use only." However, these are disproportionate to the site's copy that is affirmative in using the notes for purposes which would constitute illegal activity, including fraud. Part A of the framework notes that: "There is no one determining factor which would lead to advice being given by the BBFC that particular content is suitable for adults only. The BBFC can take into account a variety of factors, including but not limited to the nature of the material and the public acceptability of a particular product or service in relation to those under 18...It will also take into account the portrayal of accurate instructional detail of novel criminal techniques which could be copied. In certain circumstances, such content may be suitable for adults only according to BBFC standards." We would also draw attention to the clause whereby: "It is the Content Provider's responsibility to ensure that none of the content subject to the Classification Framework contains any illegal material." It is under these grounds that the BBFC adjudicated that site should remain behind adult filters.

17 February 2021

Website

www.jihadwatch.com

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 17 February 2021.

We noted that the site presents as a current affairs website discussing news concerning Muslims and Islam. Numerous articles on the site make negative generalisations about particular groups of people (for example, Muslims) which could be interpreted as having the potential to encourage discriminatory and harmful views. As such, we did not consider the website to be suitable for people under the age of 18 and would classify it at least 18.

17 February 2021

Website

www.thereligionofpeace.com

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 17 February 2021.

We noted that the site presents as a current affairs website discussing news concerning Muslims and Islam. Numerous articles on the site make negative generalisations about particular groups of people (for example, Muslims) which could be interpreted as having the potential to encourage discriminatory and harmful views. As such, we did not consider the website to be suitable for people under the age of 18 and would classify it at least 18.

18 February 2021

Website

<http://www.mrchrisseyvpn.xyz>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 18 February 2021.

We noted that the site offered a paid VPN service. We found no material that breached the Classification Framework. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use a VPN to commit an offence, or promote the use of the service in order to avoid detection when committing an offence. As such, we found no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

18 February 2021

Website

<http://www.totallywicked-liquid.co.uk>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 18 February 2021.

We noted that the site was an online retailer of a range of vaping products, including products that are CBD based. The website includes information about the company's product range, including a section on CBD which links to a dedicated CBD site. While potential benefits from CBD products are listed, the site affirms that the product is not intended to diagnose, treat, or cure any diseases. Areas of the site that promote CBD based products reinforce the fact that the products do not contain psychoactive properties. As such, we found no material that we would classify 18.

19 February 2021

Website

<http://kinkinthechain.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 19 February 2021.

We noted the site is an information resource for BDSM practitioners, providing a podcast discussing BDSM activity, as well as listener questions regarding participation in the BDSM community. There is also a link to enter a chat room to discuss BDSM activity with like-minded individuals. The site includes links to various retail websites specializing in adult toys, as well as reviews of sex toys that are accompanied by images of the products being reviewed. There are occasional sexual images. Accordingly, this website contains material that we would not classify below 18. We therefore recommend that the adult filters be upheld on the site.

19 February 2021

Website

<https://www.starstills.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 19 February 2021.

We noted that it was a retail outlet for film and TV cardboard standees and cut-outs, fancy dress masks, posters, t-shirts and photos. Although some images include sexual posing, they are not pornographic. We therefore found no material we would classify 18 or that requires adult filters.

19 February 2021

Website

<http://omegle.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 19 February 2021.

We noted that the site offers users the opportunity to chat with strangers using text and video online. The site includes an 'Adult'/'Unmoderated' section which features videos of people performing different nude poses and unsimulated sexual acts, including masturbation. We would therefore classify the site at least 18.

25 February 2021

Website

<http://hutt.co>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 25 February 2021.

We noted that it was a sign-in page for a social media site that enables users to monetize their content by providing their social media followers with access to a private paid-for channel. Based on the evidence of the sign-in page, we found no content that we would restrict to adults only.

March 2021

1 March 2021

Website

<https://www.bestvpnserver.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 March 2021.

We noted that the site reviewed paid-for VPN services, and included a blog about a range of VPN services. We found no material that we would classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

1 March 2021

Website

<http://www.trustedproxies.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 March 2021.

We noted that it is a website offering a paid for proxy service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. As such, we found no content which we would classify 18.

1 March 2021

Website

<https://vpn.mozilla.org/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

1 March 2021

Website

<https://www.ipvanish.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 March 2021.

We noted that the site offered a paid-for VPN service, and included a blog about VPN use. The site offered information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

1 March 2021

Website

<https://www.thecountryman.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 1 March 2021.

We noted that the site advertises the sale of shotguns, rifles and ammunition, in a countryside management context, together with online retail of associated clothing and accessories. Only the associated products are available for online purchase and delivery, with sale of firearms and ammunition restricted to collection on production of a valid licence. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

2 March 2021

Website

<https://tharwavalleyforge.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 2 March 2021.

The site advertises the services and products of a bladesmith, cutler and smithing school. It offers knives for sale in a culinary context, and razors for men's grooming. None of their products are marketed as weapons. Though there are infrequent instances of weaponry referred to and depicted on the site, this is in the context of the bladesmithing heritage and is unrelated, in all but the broadest terms, to the company's products. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

2 March 2021

Website

<http://www.morphpod.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 2 March 2021.

The site advertises prefabricated sheds for use as outbuildings and for camping. The planning section of the site explains that planning permission may be necessary, and includes a link to the Government Planning Portal website. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://puresportcbd.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of CBD based products. Its products are referred to as nutritional supplements, and not as medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18. As a result, we did not find any material that we would classify 18.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://castr.io/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

The site advertises, and offers subscriptions to, a live video streaming service which it markets towards businesses, broadcasters and religious and educational organisations. Our sampling of the site unearthed nothing in the site's main content, or the blog, which suggests that the service is - or could be - used for purposes that are either adult or illegal. Consequently, we would not classify the site 18 or refuse it a classification.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://surfshark.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no promotional references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://ufile.io/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

The site advertises, and offers subscriptions to, a file sharing service. Our sampling of the site unearthed nothing which suggests that the service is - or could be - used for purposes that are either adult or illegal. Consequently, we would not classify the site 18 or refuse it a classification.

3 March 2021

Website

<http://simfileshare.net>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

The site is a free file sharing service for modifiers of the video game franchise *The Sims*. Our sampling of the site unearthed nothing which suggests that the service is - or could be - used for purposes that are either adult or illegal. Consequently, we would not classify the site 18 or refuse it a classification.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://www.quicksarchery.co.uk/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the site advertises the sale of archery equipment, in a sporting context, together with online retail of associated clothing and accessories. None of the products are sold as, or associated with, weaponry. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

3 March 2021

Website

<http://www.cyberghost.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

3 March 2021

Website

<http://hemp.ie>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of CBD based products. Its products are referred to as nutritional supplements, and not as medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://www.livens.co.uk/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the site advertises the sale of shotguns, rifles and ammunition, in a countryside management context, together with online retail of associated clothing and accessories. Only the associated products are available for online purchase and delivery, with sale of firearms and ammunition restricted to collection on production of a valid licence. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

3 March 2021

Website

<https://www.cheshiregunroom.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 3 March 2021.

We noted that the site advertises the sale of shotguns, rifles and ammunition, in a countryside management context, together with online retail of associated clothing and accessories. Only the associated products are available for online purchase and delivery, with sale of firearms

and ammunition restricted to collection on production of a valid licence. Based on our sampling of the site, there was no material that the BBFC would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

4 March 2021

Website

<https://worldofhemp.co.uk/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of legal CBD based products. Although the site does make claims that CBD alleviates mild symptoms of anxiety, SAD and sleep disorders, these are frequent disclaimers across the site that clearly state that the site's products are not medicine or a substitute for medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18.

4 March 2021

Website

<https://ldncbd.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of CBD based products. Its products are legal, and are referred to in a disclaimer as nutritional supplements rather than medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18.

4 March 2021

Website

<https://thejuicyjoint.co.uk/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers for sale cannabis seeds, bongos, CBDs and concealed storage containers. While none of these are illegal to sell in the UK, we note elements that might be construed as glamourising, promoting or encouraging drug cultivation and misuse. Each seed cultivar, for instance, is accompanied by statistics on yield, growth height, favoured location and effects imparted on the smoker. Our sampling of the site indicates that there is material present that would result in an 18 classification.

4 March 2021

Website

<https://www.misteliquid.co.uk/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of CBD based products. Its products are legal, and are referred to in a disclaimer as nutritional supplements rather than medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18. As a result, based on the content available to view on this date, we would not recommend the site be placed behind adult filters.

4 March 2021

Website

<https://www.cbdoilsuk.com/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a website for an online retailer of a range of CBD based products. Its products are legal, and are referred to in a disclaimer as nutritional supplements rather than medicine. We did not find any material that we would classify 18. As a result, based on the content available to view on this date, we would not recommend the site be placed behind adult filters.

4 March 2021

Website

<http://hidemyass.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 4 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service, and included a blog on VPN and online security topics. As part of this blog, we found posts on how to access pornography securely as well as a guide on how to access the dark web. As such, the BBFC would classify the site 18, or refuse it a classification.

5 March 2021

Website

<http://www.forestfireworks.co.uk>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 5 March 2021.

We noted that the site is a retailer of fireworks and advertises the services of a fireworks display operator. The site includes a guide to the safe handling and use of fireworks. Our sampling of the site showed nothing that the BBFC would classify at 18 or refuse to classify in accordance with Part B of the Classification Framework.

5 March 2021

Website

<http://letsupload.co>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 5 March 2021.

We noted that the url links to a file-sharing website which offers paid-for subscriptions. Our sampling of the site showed that files, including pornography and pirated films, were available for download. Consequently, we would classify the site at least 18, or refuse a classification.

5 March 2021

Website

<https://www.targetszone.co.uk/>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 5 March 2021.

We noted that the site is an online retailer of a range of outdoor goods, including weapons such as air-guns, paintballing equipment, and knives, all of which are intended for use within a sporting and outdoor activity context. Based on the content on the site itself, we found no material that we would restrict to those under the age of 18.

5 March 2021

Website

<http://www.landmarkworldwide.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 5 March 2021.

We noted that the site advertises a legitimate and legal business which offers a paid-for service which it markets as courses in personal development. Under part B of the Framework, we found nothing on the site that we would classify 18 or refuse to classify.

9 March 2021

Website

<http://www.gayleicester.co.uk>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 9 March 2021.

The url leads to a gay interest site, with reviews of clubs, restaurants and entertainment in the city of Leicester. Browsing the site, and links provided by it, we found graphic sexual images within personal ads, as well as the sale of R18 rated DVDs. Consequently, we would classify it at least 18.

9 March 2021

Website

<http://www.asitiz.com/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 9 March 2021.

The url leads to a naturist interest site, with articles on lifestyle, festivals and holiday destinations. The site features illustrative photographs of nude adults. The nudity is not presented as sexualised or framed within a sexualised context by the surrounding text. Genital nudity is kept to a minimum and is only seen from a distance where clear detail is not discernable. Given the lack of sexualisation, there is nothing on the site that we would classify at 18.

9 March 2021

Website

<http://vpnonline.pl>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 9 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

12 March 2021

Website

<http://www.airvpn.org>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 12 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website includes a forum. We did not find any material that we would categorise 18+ in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

12 March 2021

Website

<http://vpnprivacy.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 12 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website includes a blog, in which we found a post instructing UK users on how to unblock the website RARBG. RARBG is a torrenting website which is blocked under UK law. Consequently, we would rate this site 18+, or refuse it a classification.

12 March 2021

Website

<http://turbojetvpn.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 12 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

12 March 2021

Website

<http://surfeasy.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 12 March 2021.

We noted that the site offers a paid-for VPN service. The site offers information on how to subscribe to the service and a description of the features offered by the service. The website contained no overt references to illegal activity, nor did it actively include instructions on how to use its service to commit an offence, or to avoid detection when committing an offence. We found no material that we classify 18 in line with Part B of the Classification Framework.

15 March 2021

Website

<http://www.animalliberationfront.com/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 15 March 2021.

The URL leads to a page on the site petside.com, which is a reviewer of pet products. The page in question contains information on the activities, function and history of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF). It includes links to a site purporting to represent the North American branch of the ALF. The page is prefaced by a note indicating the support of petside.com for the 'fight against animal cruelty', and indicating that some of its revenue goes toward 'organisations involved in ending the suffering to animals'. It may be inferred that the ALF is such an organisation. As the page itself notes, the ALF has a history of conducting illegal activity and, as such, the site could itself be construed to endorse such behaviour. Consequently, we would categorise it at 18 or refuse it a classification.

16 March 2021

Website

<http://brownells.com>

Issue

A member of the public contacted the BBFC directly to complain that the website was placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 16 March 2021.

We noted that the site is an online retailer of a range of outdoor goods, including weapons such as air-guns, firearms, and knives, which are intended for use within a sporting and outdoor activity context. The website contains a brief description of each product for sale which briefly summarizes the benefits of the products. Based on the content on the site itself, we found no material that we would restrict to those under the age of 18.

22 March 2021

Website

<http://www.heritageanddestiny.com>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 22 March 2021.

The URL leads to a political site with articles and reviews expressing an ethno-nationalist perspective. During our sampling of the site we noted uncritical examples of Holocaust scepticism, anti-Semitism and discrimination, all of which could be interpreted as encouraging harmful attitudes towards particular groups (for example, Jewish people). As such we would classify this site at least 18.

29 March 2021

Website

<http://christianvoice.org.uk/>

Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a complaint from a member of the public that it had been placed behind adult filters despite containing no material that, in the complainant's opinion, would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 29 March 2021.

The URL leads to the UK-based campaign group which advocates for legal and political reform through a literal interpretation of the Bible. Numerous articles on the site make negative generalisations about particular groups of people (for example, transgender people) which could be interpreted as having the potential to encourage discriminatory and harmful views. As a result, we would classify the site at least 18.

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31 March 2020