

BBFC Board of Classification Meeting

Wednesday 23 June 2021

(Meeting held remotely)

Present

Patrick Swaffer	President
Murphy Cobbing	Vice President
Kamlesh Patel	Vice President
David Austin	Chief Executive
Dave Barrett	Deputy Chief Executive
Matt Tindall	Senior Policy Officer (minutes)
Sarah Peacock	Education & Compliance Manager (for item 4)

Minutes of the previous meeting

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters arising

2. Matt provided an update on the recruitment of new members to the BBFC's Advisory Panel on Children's Viewing (APCV).

Video-sharing platforms and DCMS VOD consultation

3. Matt briefed the Board on recent discussions with Ofcom about how the BBFC might support Ofcom's regulation of UK-based video-sharing platforms.
4. The Board also discussed the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport's announcement of the Government's intention to consult on how VOD and streaming services should be regulated in the UK.

Mental health and classification

5. Sarah gave a presentation on the classification of issues related to mental health and discrimination against those living with mental health issues. The presentation featured clips from the film THE PEANUT BUTTER FALCON, in which a young man with Downs syndrome is verbally bullied and physically

assaulted, and a clip from the documentary CRIP CAMP in which archive footage shows neglected children in an institution. While both scenes are potentially upsetting, Sarah explained that the overall tone of each film and their clear anti-discrimination messaging had provided sufficient mitigation to allow both to be classified at 12. The Board also considered a clip from A GHOST STORY, in which a bereaved woman eats a pie until she throws up, and a trailer for CRUELLEA in which the deteriorating mental health of the central character is implied. Both of these were classified 12. The Board agreed with the classification of all works discussed.

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6. There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: 21 July 2021