

Quarterly Report of Appeals, Complaints and Advice – EE Strict

The BBFC is the regulator of commercial and internet content delivered via the mobile network of EE for its 'Strict' level of mobile content.

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; and (ii) the mobile network operator EE.

In the following cases, the adjudications represent an assessment of the content according to the terms of the BBFC's EE Strict Classification Framework. 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.

All websites that the BBFC would classify 18 or R18, or refuse to classify, would be automatically considered unsuitable for the EE Strict Classification Framework. Further information on the original Quarterly Report adjudications are available on the BBFC's website here.

July 2018

2 July 2018

Website

britishcondoms.co.uk

Issue

The site owner contacted the BBFC to complain that the website remained behind adult filters despite containing no material that in the complainant's opinion would cause access to be restricted to adults only.

Adjudication

We noted that the site sold various products related to sexual health. The website also sold a range of products intended to enhance sexual pleasure, many of which featured strong sex references in text descriptions. As a result, we did not consider the site suitable for children under the age of 12.

2 July 2018

Website

j4mb.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 2 July 2018.

We noted that it was a political website which featured articles and blogs on a variety of subjects related to the issue of men's rights, including male genital mutilation and feminism. The site contained isolated examples of very strong language and uses of moderate bad language. As a result, we did not consider the site suitable for children under the age of 12.

BBFC
30 September 2018