Westminster *e*Forum policy conference:
Child online safety in the UK - next steps for regulation, policy and practice
Timing: Morning, Tuesday 14th January 2025
Taking place online

Agenda subject to change

8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
Kirsty Blackman MP

9.05   **Latest developments in online safety policy - advocacy and industry practice, and key considerations for regulatory frameworks and implementation**
Professor Sonia Livingstone, Professor, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor

9.30   **Social media sector roles, responsibilities and priorities for child online safety**
Ben Bradley, Government Relations and Public Policy Manager, TikTok

9.40   **Stakeholder priorities for regulation, industry best practice, promoting digital literacy and tackling key threats**
assessing the government's strategic priorities | key considerations for regulation | risk assessment and liability for online harm and misinformation | opportunities and threats associated with AI and wider innovation | balancing freedom of expression and online safety | specific concerns such as screen time-extending features and recommender systems | improving child media literacy | addressing body-image and depressive content concerns | privacy considerations | information provision to authorities, emergency services and the legal justice system | relationships between offline and online spaces
Hannah Swirsky, Head, Policy and Public Affairs, Internet Watch Foundation
Elle Todd, Partner, Reed Smith
Caroline Allams, Co-Founder, Natterhub
Ben Donagh, Children and Young People National Lead, Victim Support

10.15   Questions and comments from the floor

10.40   **Chair's closing remarks**
Kirsty Blackman MP

10.45   Break

10.55   **Chair's opening remarks**
Professor Sonia Livingstone, Professor, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science

11.00   **International cooperation and the future of online safety**
Martin Harris Hess, Head, Sector for the Protection of Minors Online, European Commission
Owen Bennett, Head, International Online Safety, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor

11.35   **The future role of internet providers in creating safer online spaces for young people**
Till Sommer, Senior Vice President, Clarity

11.45   **Latest thinking on collaboration, challenges and practical steps for creating a child-safe online environment**
assessing implications of moves in the United States to end fact-checking within some social media platforms | opportunities for use of AI and wider innovation in protecting children | frameworks for collaboration | addressing threats that technology can amplify | age verification challenges in identifying, classifying and moderating journalistic content | technical and outcomes-based evidence in assessing harm reduction effectiveness | moderating livestreams and homepage feeds
John Carr, Secretary, UK Children's Charities' Coalition on Internet Safety
Iain Corby, Executive Director, Age Verification Providers Association
Rachael Annear, Partner, Freshfields
Erica Thornton, CEO, Breck Foundation
Sharon Pursey, Founder, SafeToNet

12.05   Questions and comments from the floor

12.30   **Key considerations for online safety regulation and policy going forward**
Michael Tunks, Principal, Online Safety, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Westminster *e*Forum closing remarks**
Professor Sonia Livingstone, Professor, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics and Political Science
Jordan Nugara, Westminster *e*Forum