Westminster *e*Forum policy conference:
Next steps for online safety policy and regulation in the UK
Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 11ᵗʰ November 2025
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8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
             Sir Jeremy Wright KC MP, Member, Intelligence and Security Committee

9.05   **Taking forward the next phase for online safety - regulatory coordination, emerging challenges, and considerations for future policy development**
             Senior representative, policy
             Questions and comments from the floor

9.30   **Insights from implementation of the Digital Services Act and implications for online safety legislation in the UK**
             Prabhat Agarwal, Acting Director, Online Platforms, Society, European Commission

9.40   **Early indications from updates to online safety regulation - impact, effectiveness, and next steps for additional measures**
             stakeholder views on the Protection of Children and Illegal Content Codes of Practice | assessing potential further measures to strengthen online protection | key issues emerging from platform risk assessments | effective age assurance, including alternative approaches | privacy considerations in age assurance and platform design | strategies for tackling child sexual abuse material and preventing repeat access | minimising livestream interactions with children | improvements to recommender systems and crisis response protocols | role of technology in tackling illegal content | implementation of digital fingerprinting and hash-matching to prevent viral spread
             Joanna Conway, Partner, Deloitte
             Colette Collins-Walsh, Head, UK Affairs, 5Rights Foundation
             Ian Stevenson, Chair, Online Safety Tech Industry Association
             Matt Reeder, Head of Legal, Bluesky Social
             Senior representative, content provider

10.10   Questions and comments from the floor

10.25   **Options for imposing limits on children's smartphone and social media usage**
             Professor Victoria Goodyear, Professor of Physical Activity, Health and Wellbeing, University of Birmingham
             Questions and comments from the floor

10.50   **Chair's closing remarks**
             Sir Jeremy Wright KC MP, Member, Intelligence and Security Committee

10.55   Break

11.05   **Chair's opening remarks**
             Senior Parliamentarian

11.10   **Priorities for protecting children's privacy online**
             Emily Keaney, Deputy Director, Regulatory Policy, Information Commissioner's Office
             Questions and comments from the floor

11.35   **'Avoiding unintended consequences for public interest websites'**
             Lucy Crompton-Reid, Chief Executive, Wikimedia UK

11.45   **Next steps for transparency reporting, duties on categorised services, and enforcement powers**
             addressing disparities in regulatory burdens | impact on smaller platforms and options for supporting effective compliance | strategies for securing compliance and assessing what constitutes reasonable effort | implementation of the fees and penalties regime | effectiveness of enforcement powers | the super-complaints mechanism and identifying systemic issues online | alignment with related legislation such as the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 and the Crime and Policing Bill | cross-border regulatory coordination and international alignment | legal considerations
             Elle Todd, Partner, Reed Smith
             Steve Edwards, Head, External Affairs and Campaigns, Which?
             Senior representative, online platform

12.05   Questions and comments from the floor

12.30   **Priorities for the continued implementation of the Online Safety Act 2023**
             Mark Bunting, Director, Online Safety Strategy Delivery, Ofcom
             Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Westminster *e*Forum closing remarks**
             Senior Parliamentarian
             Thomas Howard, Westminster *e*Forum