

## **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.**

### **January 2018**

*15 January 2018*

#### Website

windscribe.com

#### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 15 January 2018.

We noted that it was a site offering a paid-for VPN service. The site offered information on how to subscribe to the service, a description of the features offered by the service, client support services and a contacts page. While the BBFC is aware that VPNs can be used to enable illegal activity and to avoid detection when a criminal offence is being committed, they are not themselves illegal under UK law. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for children under 12.

*23 January 2018*

#### Website

dmovies.org

#### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the site on 23 January 2018.

We noted that it was a site dedicated to coverage of innovative and challenging cinema which contained articles and film reviews. Following changes made to the site as a consequence of a previous adjudication on 19 September 2017, the BBFC viewed the site again for confirmation that changes to the most problematic material had been made. Some content on the site, including bad language, along with violent and sexual material, meant it was not suitable for children under the age of 12.

*25 January 2018*

Website

nsra.co.uk

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 25 January 2018.

We noted that it was a site run by the National Small-bore Rifle Association which is the national governing body for all Small-bore Rifle and Pistol Target Shooting in the United Kingdom, including Airgun and Match Crossbow Shooting. The site contained news updates and articles on the sports shooting competitions held under the auspices of the NSRA, including schools competitions. The information on the site covered compliance with Home Office legislation on the licensing and ownership of firearms. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for children under 12.

*25 January 2018*

Website

<http://gamehacking.org>

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 25 January 2018.

We noted that it was a mainly forum and chat-based site for the exchange of cheat and videogame enhancement codes for new and older videogames. Some content on the site, including bad language and references to pornography, meant it was not suitable for children under the age of 12.

**February 2018**

*21 February 2018*

Website

peterborough.ac.uk

Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 21 February 2018.

We noted that it was the main website for Peterborough Regional College offering information on further education courses, student services and college events. We found no content that we would consider unsuitable for children under 12.

## **March 2018**

*7 March 2018*

### Website

burlesquebaby.com

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 7 March 2018.

We noted that it was a site offering various dance lessons, including burlesque, in class environments and at social gatherings such as hen parties. The site was clear that no nudity features in any of these classes and there were no nude images on the site. The site contained galleries featuring images of performers and students wearing lingerie or revealing costumes, and text included references to the "sexy" nature of the dances being taught. Some of the suggestive content on the site meant it was not suitable for children under the age of 12.

*22 March 2018*

### Website

mostholymonastery.com

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 22 March 2018.

We noted that it was a site which promoted a strictly traditional interpretation of the teachings and belief of the Roman Catholic Church. It contained articles, posts and videos which express criticism of other Christian and non-Christian religious teachings, sexuality and issues such as abortion. While the views which are expressed may be subject to debate, and some people will disagree with the positions taken by the site, they are made in the spirit of religious belief and our sampling of the site did not discover examples of overt hate speech. However, some of the content on the site meant it was not suitable for children under the age of 12.

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5 April 2018

