Quarterly Report of Appeals, Complaints and Advice

The BBFC is the regulator of commercial and internet content delivered via the mobile networks of EE, O2, Three and Vodafone.

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; (ii) Mobile UK; and (iii) the relevant mobile network operator(s).

The adjudication that a website contains no material that we would classify 18 does not necessarily mean that we believe it is suitable for younger children.

In the following cases, the adjudications represent an assessment of the content according to the dates listed below. 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.

January 2016

29 January 2016

Website

nicholaswinton.com

<u>Issue</u>

A member of the public complained to the BBFC that the website 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 29 January 2016.

We noted that it was a website celebrating the life and work of Sir Nicholas Winton, who was known for organising the rescue of hundreds of Czech children from Nazioccupied Czechoslovakia prior to World War Two. The site contained a news section, a biography of Sir Nicholas Winton and a picture gallery. It also contained a section focusing on the rescued children with contemporary records of their details. As such, we found no content which we would classify 18.

February 2016

26 February 2016

Website ffffound.com

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 the site was not restricted behind filters, but contained material that in the complainant's opinion should cause access to be restricted to adults only.

<u>Adjudication</u>

The BBFC viewed the website on 26 February 2016.

We noted that it was a blog website containing numerous image galleries, most of which were benign, but some of which contained sexualised material including explicit pornographic images and GIF videos. The BBFC would classify this sexualised content at 18 or R18.

BBFC 31 March 2016