

## **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 undertakes to publish 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 will keep this list updated as and when new cases are reported to us and will 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) the Mobile Broadband Group; and (iii) the relevant mobile network operator(s).**

**Please note that in the following cases, 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.**

### **June 2014**

*13 June 2014*

#### Website

forbidden-nights.co.uk

#### Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18.

#### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the site on 13, 17 and 18 June.

We noted that the website promoted a male variety show for adults. Video content on the site was restricted to a single clip showing brief images such as the very tops of performers' buttocks and apparently naked dancers with soapy water on their torsos, but no strong detail of nudity. The blogs on the website emphasise the work and professionalism that goes into the shows, rather than any especially crude or sexual aspects. We considered that on balance there was no content that we would classify 18.

### **July 2014**

*3 July 2014*

#### Website

adandachi.com/istanbul

### Issue

A number of mobile network operators contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18.

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the blog site on 3 July.

The blog featured the thoughts of Syrian activist Aboud Dandachi. It contained news updates relating to events in Syria and Iraq among other countries, and a 'One Stop Resource Page' which included descriptions of chemical weapons attacks in Syria with various external links to news stories covering the issue. No content on the site could be considered graphic: for example, information relating to the use of chemical weapons does not go beyond that which has been said or illustrated in news and documentary programmes. In terms of political opinion, there was no content which appeared to promote or encourage terrorism or violence. As such, we found no content that required an 18 classification.

*7 July 2014*

### Website

stripamob.co.uk

### Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18.

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the stripamob site on 7 and 11 July.

We noted that the website featured short video clips of women within a sexualised context. Payment is required to access these videos. Clips from the site featured content such as breast nudity during striptease routines. We considered that such content was solely designed for sexual arousal and stimulation, and that we would classify the content 18.

*16 July 2014*

### Website

veraplayfriends.com

### Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice about the suitability of the website for people under 18.

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 16 and 18 July 2014.

We noted that the website promoted a naturist location and holiday destination, with information pertaining to the resort itself, along with possible accommodation and travel choices for those visiting. While photos on the website contained nudity, such images were framed within a naturism context and were not sexualised. Most of the forum pages were related to the general holiday experience although one thread did discuss the issue of sexual activity (including masturbation) taking place in some public areas. The focus of this forum topic was on finding a way to stop such activity, rather than promoting it or presenting any salacious detail. We found no content that would lead us to classify the website 18.

## **August 2014**

*13 August 2014*

### Website

carmageddon.com

### Issue

A mobile network operator contacted the BBFC for advice in terms of the suitability of the website for people under 18, following a request to have the site made available to all customers.

### Adjudication

The BBFC viewed the website on 13 August 2014.

We noted that the website promoted a new version of the video game *Carmageddon* which is available on mobile devices as an app. Along with pages dedicated to the history of the game series and the progress of the new game's Kickstarter appeal, there were forum discussions, fan art and some videos showing gameplay clips and work in progress. Some of the videos on the site contained bloody violence, but in a comical manner with an over-the-top, comic book style. We did not consider that the stylised violent content required an 18 classification.

## **BBFC**

**12 September 2014**