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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about a list of websites hosting adult content that implemented age checks as of July 25th 2025.

We received this request on 25 July 2025 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the FOI Act").

Your request and our response

On July 25th, the BBC reported that "[a]round 6,000 sites allowing porn in the UK will start checking if users are over 18 on Friday, according to the media regulator Ofcom."

Please provide a list of the websites.

"Around 6,000 porn sites start checking ages in UK" - BBC News, July 25th 2025

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c24v4dl5r16o> (<https://archive.is/KDPoh>)

We have investigated your request and can confirm we do not hold this information. However, we can confirm that age assurance requirements apply to all sites that allow pornography. You might also find it helpful to view the following publications:

- [Protecting people in the UK from illegal online content – regardless of its origin - Ofcom](#)
- [‘Adults Only’: what to do if your online service allows pornography - Ofcom](#)

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any further queries, then please send them to information.requests@ofcom.org.uk – quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will

try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner's Office](#).