

## Response from: Federation of Communication Services (FCS)

The FCS represents companies which provide professional communications solutions to business users. Our members deliver telecommunications services via mobile and fixed line telephony networks, broadband, satellite, wi-fi and business radio. Our members' customers range from SMEs, home-workers and micro-businesses up to the very largest private enterprises and public sector users. The FCS is the largest trade organisation in the professional communications arena, representing the interests of circa 350 businesses which supply B2B services nationwide.

The FCS welcomes the opportunity to comment on Ofcom's consultation: guidance for service providers publishing pornographic content. The FCS agrees that appropriate controls need to be put in place to prevent children from normally encountering online pornographic content. The FCS believes that regulation needs to be focused on the appropriate part of the supply chain. To avoid confusion, it is important that the regulation clearly states where the responsibility for effective age assurance lies. It would also be helpful for it to be made clear that broadband providers/resellers who provide connectivity, but who do not provide in-scope services, are not responsible for such verification.