

SAFECHOICE



20 years ago, at 11.21 am on 21st October 1996, the very first report was made to the newly formed Internet Watch Foundation.

In the past 20 years, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has assessed nearly 700,000 reports, with more than 250,000 confirmed as showing children being sexually abused.

The IWF is the UK's Hotline for reporting criminal online content:

- Child sexual abuse content hosted anywhere in the world.
- Criminally obscene adult content hosted in the UK.
- Non-photographic child sexual abuse images hosted in the UK.

Reports are confidential and can be made anonymously.

The majority of our work focuses on the removal of child sexual abuse images and videos.

The IWF works internationally to make the internet a safer place.

Helping victims of child sexual abuse worldwide by identifying and removing online images and videos of their abuse. The foundation searches for child sexual abuse images and videos and offers a place for the public to report them anonymously at www.iwf.org.uk

Once reported, the IWF has the offending content removed. As a not-for-profit organisation, the fight to remove this content is supported by the global internet industry and the European Commission.

In 2015, the IWF identified and aided the removal of over 68,000 webpages showing the sexual abuse of children – which was more than double the year before.

The making of a breakthrough!

At the forefront of this substantial breakthrough was a partnership between internet giant Microsoft and the IWF. Between them, they created a revolutionary system that can stop the upload, storage and sharing of “potentially millions” of child sexual abuse images on the internet.

Called the IWF Image Hash List, a ‘hash’ is a unique code that’s generated from the data in an image, like a digital fingerprint. The Image Hash List is a list of these individual codes (digital fingerprints) of known images of child sexual abuse.

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KEY FACTS

125,583

images of confirmed child sexual abuse have been hashed and added to the IWF Image Hash List

Every

4 mins

our analysts create a new hash

67%

of the hashes are the rape or sexual torture of children

Getting straight to the point with the “Sharp System”

Bullying, abuse, violence, online safety or any other issues.

There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents, whether it is due to not wanting to talk face to face, lack of confidence, scared, peer pressure or scared in case someone sees them talking to an “official” person, to name just a few and we understand this.

As a result we have created the SHARP System (Student Help Advice Reporting Page System) that allows students to report any incidents, worries or concerns which may arise whilst in training within the place of work, training centre or local community; anonymously and without fear.

Aside from the reporting tool, SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including bullying, health, community issues, weapons and hate crime.

The SHARP System promotes inclusion, safeguarding, e-safety and provides additional opportunities for students to report their concerns.

If you would like more information about the SHARP System visit www.gpsta.thesharpsystem.com or contact us at www.gpsta.co.uk

For instances where there is a imminent threat to the safety of yourself and others call 999!

Anonymous

SHARP is anonymous, you don't have to leave your information if you choose not to, but if you want help and support it's best to leave your details.

Mobile

The latest version of SHARP can be used on phones, tablets, consoles or any device with an internet connection.

Don't Suffer

Please don't suffer in silence, access the SHARP System and speak to someone and get the help you need.

Visit www.gpsta.thesharpsystem.com or scan the QR code below.

Don't suffer in silence, visit the FREE link on our site.



Hello again. Welcome to the latest edition of SafeChoice, GP Strategies Training Limited's safeguarding newsletter.

The opening article in this newsletter provides an insight into a the 20-year success of the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) by reducing the content of child sexual abuse images in the UK and globally.

The success is also reinforced by the launch of “hashes”, a revolutionary system that can stop the upload, storage and sharing of “potentially millions” of child sexual abuse images on the internet. This achievement is attributed to the solid partnership between technology giant Microsoft and the IWF.

The second article is to remind all our learners about the cross-platform “Student Help Advice Reporting Page” (SHARP) system.

This system allows you to read articles, watch informative videos and seek out advice and guidance to help you make better decisions in those awkward situations.

Don't suffer in silence! The SHARP system is a portal allowing learners, their friends, colleagues and mentors to speak to someone and get any help and support that they may need.

The SHARP system is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Martin', is written over a horizontal line.

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