

# E safety Update



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## **1. Childnet Youth Ambassador**

Childnet International is looking for young people aged 13 to 17 to become Youth Ambassadors for Project deSHAME, a new project that aims to work towards online equality and to find ways to remove and prevent the online pressures and harassment young people can face. Youth Ambassadors will have the opportunity to share their experiences and views on issues such as cyberbullying, peer pressure, healthy relationships and online sexual harassment. Applications close on 16 June 2017.

Link: <http://www.childnet.com/new-for-schools/youth-ambassador>

Further information: <http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Childnet-Youth-Ambassador-Role-Description.pdf>

## **2. Sexual exploitation of boys and young men**

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) has produced a leaflet to raise awareness about sexual exploitation of boys and young men. Shout out, speak out provides: information on recognising signs of exploitation; contact details for help and support including the NSPCC child sexual exploitation helpline number - 0800 389 1701.

Link: <http://safeguardingni.org/shout-out-speak-out>

## **3. Online support for LGBT young people**

### **inter-AKT: A new online service**

inter-AKT is a safe and non-judgemental space that connects young LGBT people with Digital Mentors and other digital resources to explore a wide range of issues, whether it's through chat, messaging, video calls or audio; and can be accessed on most devices, including smart phones, tablets and laptops.

inter-AKT enables AKT to support young LGBT people experiencing homelessness, and also provides AKT the opportunity to prevent homelessness, supporting young people address challenges early, before they find themselves in situations of crisis.

inter-AKT is The Albert Kennedy Trust's first digital service and first service available nationally. inter-AKT has been developed in response to consultation and user-centred work with young people. inter-AKT is also a response to learning obtained from AKT's research into the needs of young LGBT people in the UK and the ability of services across the country to respond to this.

Link: <http://www.akt.org.uk/2/spg635/albert-kennedy-trust-helping-young-lgbt-people/about-us/latest-news/inter-akt-a-new-online-service.aspx>

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## 4. *Illegal and dangerous online content*

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The Home Affairs Committee has published a report following an inquiry into online hate, abuse and extremism. Recommendations include: all social media companies should introduce clear and well-funded arrangements for proactively identifying and removing illegal content - particularly dangerous terrorist content or material related to online child abuse; the Government should assess whether failure to remove illegal material is in itself a crime and, if not, how the law should be strengthened.

**Link:** <https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/609/609.pdf>

## 5. *5 ways to keep your secret stuff secret!*

### 1. **Set strong passwords!**

Your password is like the keys to your house. You should use a different one for each site you use and make sure it's a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Don't use ones which are easy to guess, like QWERTY, 123456 or Password!!.

### 2. **Check URLs.**

The URL is the address of the website. You can find it in the address bar at the top of the page. The url for Thinkuknow is - <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk> - can you see it on this page? When you click a link you should always check the URL is the one you would expect for the site before you enter any details.

### 3. **Don't click on links from people you don't know.**

These could take you to phishing sites or download viruses or malware onto your computer. Never enter your details into a site you're not sure about – even if the link has come from a friend.

### 4. **Always use antivirus software.**

If you've got your own computer make sure you get anti-virus software. If your parent or carer bought it for you ask them to make sure you've got one installed. They can find out more at Get Safe Online

### 5. **Treat your password like your toothbrush and lock your phone!**

Don't share your password, even with your best friend! If you share your password or leave a phone or computer unlocked then someone else could access any accounts you haven't logged out of. They could spread rumours about you, say nasty things about other people and get you in trouble. They could pretend to be you!

**Link:** [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11\\_13/Need-advice/Staying-secure-online/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/Need-advice/Staying-secure-online/)

**For more information about e safety :**

- go to <http://www.blackpoolaspireacademy.co.uk>
- come into school and talk to a member of Student Services