



# Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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Dear Mr McDowall,

Thank you for your email of 1 November in which you made the following request for information:

***Please provide details of the costs incurred by the Department for design, development and work for the readiness of the Age Verification for Pornography in the United Kingdom.***

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I can confirm that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) holds information within scope of your request. The departments total spend externally has been £2,225,153.77, up to 31 August 2019 excluding VAT. This was paid to the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) for design and implementation purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team  
**Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**

### **Complaints and comments:**

As is customary in our replies, I should explain that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request for information, and/or wish to appeal against information being withheld from you, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email to: [foi@culture.gov.uk](mailto:foi@culture.gov.uk). You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.

