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Dear Carl Heaton,

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 November, in which you made the following request for information:

Please provide all correspondence in any format it exists occurring during 2021 to date which is:

1. between DCMS and UK Safer Internet Centre (including the charities or individuals behind namely Internet Watch Foundation, SWGfL and Childnet, Heidi Jane KEMPSTER, William James GARDNER, Susie HARGREAVES or other officers of).

AND

2. between DCMS and Nominet making any reference to charity including UK Safer Internet Centre (including the charities or individuals behind namely Internet Watch Foundation, SWGfL and Childnet, Heidi Jane KEMPSTER, William James GARDNER, Susie HARGREAVES or other officers of).

We can confirm that DCMS holds information within the scope of your request. However, we have determined that some of this information may be exempt from release under section 35 (formulation of government policy) of the Act. This is a qualified exemption and, as such, it is necessary to carry out a public interest test to consider whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

By virtue of section 10(3) of the Act, where public authorities have to carry out a public interest test, they do not have to comply with the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. Due to the need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the department will not be able to respond to your request immediately. However, we hope to let you have a substantive response to your request by 7 January.

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 response to: foi@dcms.gov.uk. You have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (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.