

This submission is my own personal position and I have no conflict of interest or political affiliation.

The stated purpose of the proposed legislation appears reasonable and well intended.

The core proposal requires age verification.

This implies some form of age verification NOT of the children to be 'protected' but of everyone, probably with full identity disclosure, of everyone accessing information.

This is potentially contrary to:

<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

Article 19

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers

In certain western European states similar measures to the proposed have been in place for some time, the effect has been chilling as in order to ensure child safety, and the prevention of 'incitement' of those children i.e. even young adults up to age 18, ALL adults have been shown to be prevented from researching certain topics that THEIR government determines to constitute a potential harm, this is a gross violation of UNUDHR

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the

basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

In closing, however well intentioned such social control might be, the potential for current or future abuse is too high to society in general. We are exhorted to uphold 'British values' and if democracy, privacy, and personal freedoms are to mean anything, such draconian measures should not only be halted but reversed on every front.

Regards