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<p>Do you have any comments on our proposals?</p>	<p>Confidential? – No</p> <p>The Internet Watch Foundation welcomes the proposals in Ofcom’s 2022/23 work plan.</p> <p>We particularly welcome Ofcom’s plans to establish regulation of Online Safety through both embedding the regulation of VSPs and preparing to regulate online safety.</p> <p>We were pleased to see that Ofcom’s plan of work will continue to build relationships with regulators, businesses, expert bodies, and Governments in the UK and around the world. We are also pleased to see Ofcom recognise the importance of law enforcement relationships to dealing with online harms.</p> <p>The Internet Watch Foundation looks forward to continuing to develop our relationship with Ofcom in the coming year. Tackling CSE/A online should be one of the highest priorities in the forthcoming Online Safety Bill and the UK has effective mechanisms for dealing with CSE/A online.</p> <p>The recent Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) concluded: “The IWF sits at the heart of the national response to combatting the proliferation of indecent images of children and deserves to be acknowledged as being a vital part of how and why comparatively little CSAM is hosted in the UK.”</p> <p>We also wanted to draw Ofcom’s attention to the recent report of the joint committee scrutinising the Online Safety Bill in Parliament which made several sensible recommendations about the role the IWF could play in the future regulatory landscape.</p> <p>We would encourage Ofcom to build on and promote the best practice we have in the UK for dealing with CSE/A and Online Harms.</p>