

Consultation Responses

The Reward Foundation helps raise awareness of the key research developments in sex and love relationships and the problems introduced by internet pornography. We do this by contributing to government and industry consultations. This page is updated with news of the submissions we have made to government consultation processes.

If you learn of any other consultations which The Reward Foundation could assist, please drop us an [email](#).

Here are some of our contributions...

2022

24 June 2022. On 13 April 2022, the Scottish Government published a consultation seeking views on key aspects of the revised National Strategy for Community Justice (the strategy). The consultation closed on 25 May 2022, and 75 responses to the consultation were received, including one from [The Reward Foundation](#). The responses will help to inform the finalisation of the revised strategy. Once published, this strategy will supersede the current National Strategy for Community Justice, published in 2016. [The National Strategy for Community Justice: Revision Consultation – Analysis of Consultation Responses](#) presents an analysis of the responses to the consultation, and sets out the Scottish Government's next steps.

2021

22 August 2021. As a part of the UK Government's project to create an *Online Harms Bill*, the Reward Foundation was approached by the consultancy firm PUBLIC to contribute to the *Harms Taxonomy and Framework* for the Online Safety Data Initiative. We assisted PUBLIC in drafting their definition for *Pornography and sexualised adult nudity*.

26 March 2021. The Reward Foundation responded to the UK Home Office's *Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy Consultation 2020*. The response is available from the [Reward Foundation](#).

2020

8 December 2020. Darryl Mead responded to the Scottish Government consultation called *Equally Safe: A consultation on challenging men's demand for prostitution, working to reduce the harms associated with prostitution and helping women to exit*. Our response supported the adoption of the Nordic Model in Scotland, as promoted by [Nordic Model Now!](#)

2019

22 July 2019. TRF contributed to the drafting process to determine the questions which will be used in NATSAL-4 survey. The National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles has been running in the UK since 1990. It is one of the biggest surveys of its type in the world.

28 January 2019. Mary Sharpe provided a full response to the Commons Select Committee's inquiry into the growth of Immersive and Addictive Technologies. The inquiry took place within the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. It should be published by the UK Parliament in the near future.

2018

16 July 2018. In Scotland the First Minister's National Advisory Council on Women and Girls has begun a rolling programme of inviting consultation responses on women's issues. Our first offering was on links between sexual harassment and pornography use.

2017

6 December 2017. TRF responded to the UK's Internet Safety Strategy Green Paper Consultation. We also submitted a letter to the Internet Safety Strategy Team at the Department for

Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. This was on proposed amendments to the Digital Economy Act. Our position is that the UK Government should stick to its commitment to make things that are illegal off-line also illegal online. The key areas are removing access to violent pornography and non-photographic child sexual abuse images.

11 June 2017. Mary Sharpe submitted a consultation response to Scotland's Strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls. Our response has been published by the Scottish Government on its [website](#).

April 2017. The Reward Foundation is listed as a resource with a link to our home page in the [National Action Plan on Internet Safety for Children and Young People](#) published by the Scottish Government.

8 March 2017. TRF made a written submission to the Canadian Parliament's investigation into the health effects of violent pornography on young people. It is available here in [English](#) and [French](#). Our submission was cited by the [Dissenting Report](#) prepared by the Conservative members of the Committee.

February 2017. The Scottish Government invited 100-word submissions on the future of the Personal and Sexual Education curriculum in Scottish schools. The Reward Foundation's submission is number 3 [here](#).

11 February 2017. Mary Sharpe and Darryl Mead delivered a training event on internet porn to 15 young people in the 5Rights programme at Young Scot on the impact of internet pornography on young people in Scotland. This formed part of the consultation process that led to the publication of [The 5Rights Youth Commission's Final Report to the Scottish Government May 2017](#).

2016

20 October 2016. Mary Sharpe and Darryl Mead were invited to a Symposium on *'Child Safety Online: Keeping Ahead of the Game'* at Portcullis House, Westminster. The event was organised by the UK Parliament's Working Party on the Family, Lords and the Commons Family & Child Protection Group to assist the passage of the Digital Economy Bill through the UK Parliament. Our report on the Symposium is available [here](#). Earlier in 2016 we responded to the online consultation on the Bill run by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

9 March 2016. The Reward Foundation responded to the call for written evidence from the Australian Senate on the *"Harm being done to Australian children through access to pornography on the Internet"*. This was published as a slightly redacted form as submission 284 and can be viewed by logging in to the [Parliament of Australia](#) website.

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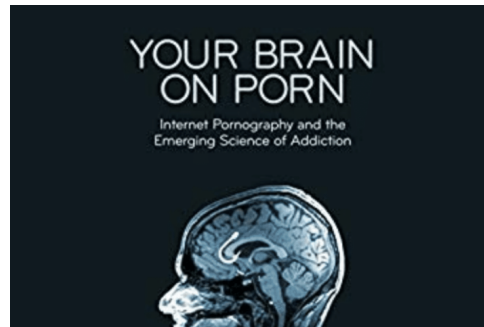
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