Appendix 9 Glossary

App:

An app (application) is a software program. An app typically refers to software used on smartphones, tablets or other mobile devices. Some apps are free while others must be bought.

Blackmail:

According to the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act and relevant case law, it is illegal to make unwarranted demands with menaces. The definition of menace includes threats to publish explicit photos/videos online.

Coercion:

To persuade someone to do something by using force or threats.

Emoji:

A representation of a facial expression, such as a smile or frown. Emojis are generally used in electronic communications to convey the writer's feelings or intended tone.

Explicit Content:

According to the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act, any photo, video or audio recording that shows a child engaged in sexual activity, or that focuses specifically on the genital region of a child is considered as child pornography and thus illegal.

Extortion:

To obtain something, especially money or other property, through force or threats.

Live Streaming Platform:

Software or online service such as Skype used to make video calls or broadcast live video over the internet using a webcam.

Nude Selfie:

Slang term used by teenagers to describe self-produced intimate images.

Online Communication:

How people communicate with each other using the internet, including email, messaging apps, forums, chat rooms and social networking sites.

Online Sexual Coercion and Extortion:

When someone a child has only met online asks them to send sexual photos and/or videos, or perform sexual acts via webcam. The person may ask the child to keep the contact secret, and threatens to post the photos/videos on the internet or share them with friends and family if the child does not send more or pay money.

Online Sexual Exploitation:

When children are persuaded or forced to send or post sexual images of themselves, take part in sexual acts via a webcam or smartphone, or have sexual conversations by text or online.

Report:

When users encounter illegal, abusive or inappropriate content on a social networking service, they should use the report-abuse mechanisms to notify the social networking service of the content. Moderators of the service then review the content in light of the report and remove any content that violates their policies.

Selfie/Self-created Image:

A type of self-portrait photo, typically taken with a handheld camera phone.

Smartphone:

A mobile phone that is capable of performing many of the same functions of a computer. A smartphone typically has a large screen and an operating system capable of running general-purpose apps.

Social Networking:

Connecting, communicating and collaborating with others on the internet via online communities. Social networking services can provide an outlet for creativity and expression. Care should be taken by young people when disclosing personal information on social networking services.

Webcam:

A webcam is a video camera that feeds or streams its image in real time to or through a computer to computer network. When captured by the computer, the video stream may be saved, viewed or sent on to other networks via the internet. It is very easy to fake a webcam feed.