

1. Harmful Sexual Behaviours Online Survey

1.1 Personal Safety Online

1. Do you feel safe online, for example when browsing the internet or using social media?

Very unsafe Unsafe Not sure Safe Very safe

2. What online behaviour(s) do you see as being potentially harmful to yourself and other young people? (Tick all that apply)

- Sharing sexual images of yourself with a boyfriend/girlfriend
- Sharing sexual images of yourself with someone you'd like to be in a relationship with
- Sharing sexual images of yourself with someone you have just met online
- Sharing sexual images of someone without their knowledge or agreement
- Sexual images produced under pressure or blackmail
- Sexual harassment or bullying
- Accessing inappropriate sexual material online, for example nudity and sexual pictures or videos meant for adults, sexual content in ads or games, sexual chat or messages
- Accessing illegal sexual material online
- Other – please give examples

3. How confident are you that you understand the risks and dangers around online sexual behaviour?

Not confident Slightly confident Confident Very confident

1.2 Education about sexual behaviour online

4. Has your school or educational setting given you any education or guidance about sharing sexual images and sexual behaviour online?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

5. What kind of education or guidance have they given you? (Tick all that apply)

- RSHP lessons
- School assembly
- Speaker from an online safety organisation
- Advice about support online
- Other – please give examples

6. Has the education or guidance given been useful?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Commented [REDACTED] Potential for follow-up questions – If yes, how was it useful / If no, how was it not useful

7. Do you feel that you need more information on the following topics?

	Yes	No
The risks and dangers of online sexual behaviours		
Guidance about positive sexual behaviour online and what is okay		
The laws related to online sexual behaviours		
The consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours		
How to get help if you are affected by online sexual behaviours		
Other – please give examples		

1.3 Reporting and support

8. If you wanted to find out more information about online sexual behaviours generally, do you know who to ask and/or where to look?

- Yes
- No

LOGIC - If yes to the above question:

9. Who would you ask and/or where would you look for information about this topic?

10. If you wanted to access support in relation to online sexual behaviour, do you know who to ask and/or where to look?

- Yes
- No

LOGIC - If yes to the above question:

11. Who would you ask and/or where would you look to access support about this topic?

12. If you wanted to report online sexual behaviour or activity that you saw as inappropriate and/or harmful, would you know where to do that online?

- Yes
- No

LOGIC - If yes to the above question:

13. Where online would you report online sexual behaviour or activity that you saw as inappropriate and/or harmful? (Give as many examples as you like)

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"If you wanted to find..., would you:
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 ask a teacher or trusted adult
 ask a friend
 Other - give examples

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 Other - give examples

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Education about sexual issues

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- Yes
 No
 Don't know

LOGIC - If yes to the above question:

5. Has the guidance that you received in school/educational setting been useful?

- Yes
 No

6. If you would like to, please expand on your answer above using the text box below.

7. Do you feel that you need more education around the following topics?*

Commented [REDACTED]: I'd like to add an extra option with a positive focus - Guidance about positive sexual behaviour online

	Yes	No
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The consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours		

Reporting and support

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9. Where would you look for or who would you ask regarding information about this topic?

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- Yes
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Effect of the coronavirus outbreak on your online experience

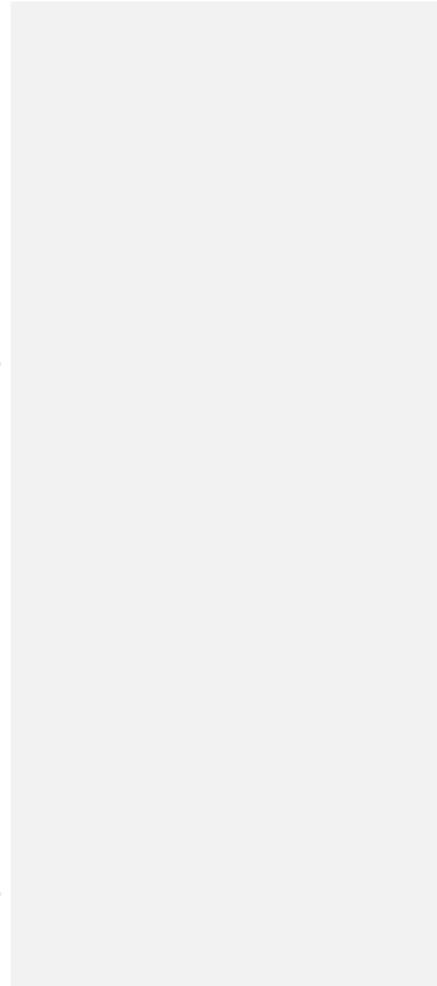
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Please select all that apply

- Sharing sexual images of yourself with someone you are in a relationship with
- Sharing sexual images of yourself with someone you have only met online
- Sharing sexual images of someone without their consent
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The consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours		
Guidance about positive sexual behaviour online		

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Harmful Sexual Behaviours Online

Introduction and Permissions

The Scottish Government is interested in learning more about young people's knowledge of and opinions about sexual behaviours occurring online. This is part of ongoing work following publication of the report of the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People, and follows on from some research we conducted in early 2019. If you would like to learn more about this group and their proposals that the Scottish Government is taking forward, you can click on [this link](#).

This survey includes questions that some people may find sensitive. If you would like further information or support for the issues raised in this survey there are some helpful links at the end. Please be assured that your responses are completely anonymous and you can leave the survey at any time.

Take a look at the information below for how your responses will be used.

1) The survey results (including your response) will be analysed and reported on by the Young Scot and the Scottish Government. The results may also become publicly available. Do you agree for your response to be used for these purposes?*

Yes

No

2) Are you happy for your typed responses to be anonymously quoted in publications by Young Scot and the Scottish Government? If you do not provide permission, then we won't use your written responses. Your anonymous responses will still be included within report analysis.*

Yes

No

Page exit logic: Skip / Disqualify Logic**IF:** #1 Question "The survey results (including your response) will be analysed and reported on by the Young Scot and the Scottish Government. The results may also become publicly available. Do you agree for your response to be used for these purposes?" is one of the following answers ("No") **THEN:** Disqualify and display: "Thank you for your interest in our survey. Unfortunately you have not given us permission to use your data, so we will not collect your response at this time. Check out Young Scot Rewards for more exciting activities and to gain Rewards points!"

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When the survey refers to being "online", this means when browsing the internet or on social media.

3) How safe do you feel online, for example when browsing the internet or on social media?*

Very unsafe Unsafe Neutral Safe Very safe

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Sharing sexual images of yourself with someone you have only met online

Sharing sexual images of someone without their consent

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Sexual harassment or bullying

Accessing inappropriate sexual material online

Accessing illegal sexual material online

Downloading and sharing child sexual exploitation/child sexual abuse material

Online solicitation and grooming, including inciting or coercing sexual activity

Other - please specify: _____

5) How confident are you that you understand the risks around online sexual behaviour?*

Not confident Slightly confident Neutral Confident Very confident

Education about sexual issues

When the survey refers to being "online", this means when browsing the internet or on social media.

6) Has your school or educational setting given you any guidance about sharing sexual images and sexual behaviour online?*

Yes

No

I don't know

Logic: Hidden unless: #6 Question "Has your school or educational setting given you any guidance about sharing sexual images and sexual behaviour online?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

7) Has the guidance that you received in school/educational setting been useful?*

Yes

No

Logic: Hidden unless: #6 Question "Has your school or educational setting given you any guidance about sharing sexual images and sexual behaviour online?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

8) If you would like to, please expand on your answer above using the text box below.

9) Do you feel that you need more education around the following topics?*

	Yes	No
The risks and dangers of online sexual behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The laws related to online sexual behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance about positive sexual behaviour online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reporting and support

When the survey refers to being "online", this means when browsing the internet or on social media.

10) If you wanted to find out more information about online sexual behaviours generally, do you know who to ask or where to look?*

Yes

No

Logic: Hidden unless: #10 Question "If you wanted to find out more information about online sexual behaviours generally, do you know who to ask or where to look?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

11) Where would you look for or who would you ask regarding information about this topic?

12) If you wanted to report online sexual behaviour that you saw as inappropriate or harmful, would you know where to look in order to do that?*

Yes

No

Logic: Hidden unless: #12 Question "If you wanted to report online sexual behaviour that you saw as inappropriate or harmful, would you know where to look in order to do that?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

13) Where would you look to report such behaviour?

14) If you wanted to access support in relation to online sexual behaviour, would you know where to look?*

Yes

No

Logic: Hidden unless: #14 Question "If you wanted to access support in relation to online sexual behaviour, would you know where to look?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

15) Where would you look to access support?

Effect of the coronavirus outbreak on your online experience

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- Increased
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About You

Our final set of questions are about who you are. This will help us understand the needs of different groups of people who are answering the survey. Some questions include an "I prefer not to say" option if you would not like to respond to that question.

18) How old are you?*

- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18

19) Which Local Authority do you live in?*

- Aberdeen
- Aberdeenshire
- Angus
- Argyll & Bute
- Clackmannanshire
- Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles)
- Dumfries and Galloway
- Dundee
- East Ayrshire
- East Dunbartonshire

- East Lothian
- East Renfrewshire
- Edinburgh
- Falkirk
- Fife
- Glasgow
- Highland
- Inverclyde
- Midlothian
- Moray
- North Ayrshire
- North Lanarkshire
- Orkney Islands
- Perth & Kinross
- Renfrewshire
- Scottish Borders
- Shetland Islands
- South Ayrshire
- South Lanarkshire
- Stirling
- West Dunbartonshire
- West Lothian

20) Do you identify as..?*

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary
- In another way
- I prefer not to say

21) Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?*

- Yes
- No
- I prefer not to say

Logic: Hidden unless: #21 Question "Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?" is one of the following answers ("Yes")

22) Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry-out day-to-day activities?*

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little
- No
- I prefer not to say

Thank You!

Thank you very much for completing our survey. Your response is very important to us and will help us to support young people.

If taking part in this survey has caused you upset or uncertainty, please speak to your parent, carer, teacher or another trusted adult for support and advice.

If you have been affected by any of the topics raised in this survey you may also find the following links useful:

For advice and support:

- [Young Scot: That's not OK](#) - advice and support on relationships
- [Childline: Friends, relationships & sex](#) - advice if you're having problems with relationships
- [Thinkuknow](#) - Education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children and young people both online and offline
- [Brook](#) - Sexual health and wellbeing guide for young people
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - Games, quizzes, films and advice to help you get the most out of the internet while staying safe online

To report something of concern:

- [Childline: Report a nude image online](#)
- [CEOP: Report online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online](#)

If you're a Young Scot Member you can collect 150 Rewards points for completing this survey. Log in to [young.scot](#) to add your points to your account or use the code **XXXXXX** to redeem your points.

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Safe from what? (Bullies/hackers). Too broad a question.

Could change to "Do you feel safe online?"

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Commented [REDACTED]: Give examples underneath question or make a tick-box with and "other" option.

Education about sexual issues

4. Has your school given you any guidance about sharing sexual images and sexual behaviour online?*

Yes
 No
 Don't know

Commented [REDACTED]: Include college and university too (logic depending on status? May need to ask demographics upfront).

Are we interested in those who have received it in the past i.e. school leavers from a long time ago? Is this targeted to school pupils specifically or general education?

5. What kind of guidance have they given you?

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6. Do you feel that you need more education around the following topics?*

Suggested added question: what have you taken from the guidance?

Commented [REDACTED]: Not just a focus on sexual behaviours?

	Yes	No
The risks and dangers of online sexual behaviours		
The range of consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours		
The laws related to online sexual behaviours		

Commented [REDACTED]: Either need to split these up into positive/negative or choose just negative (make clear).

What is the range? Legal/social?

Reporting and support

7. If you wanted to find out more information about online sexual behaviours generally, do you know where to look?*

Yes
 No

Commented [REDACTED]: Change to "who/where to tell"

LOGIC - If yes to the above question:

8. Where would you look for information about this topic?

Commented [REDACTED]: Same as above

9. If you wanted to report online sexual behaviour that you saw as inappropriate, would you know how to do that?*

Yes
 No

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Commented [REDACTED]: Yes is a tad definitive. Change to "I think"? Also as above. Implies that you know about harmful behaviour. Change wording or add "not sure"

Thanks and Signposting

Asked the yp about the possibility of asking *Experience of harm online – self and others*. Thought it may be an off-putting question. Could be covered in q3 if people were willing to give examples. If asked, suggested that it could be "Have you been exposed to...."

Should be a question about whether the teaching in school is useful or not (similar to last survey).

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Commented [REDACTED]: Suggest swap 2 and 3 around

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Commented [REDACTED]: Tick-box and 'other' option would be good, examples could include some of the following, with language tailored to young people:

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Commented [REDACTED]: Suggest "school or educational setting"

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Commented [REDACTED]: Suggest added question "Has the guidance you received in school/educational setting been useful?"

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Commented [REDACTED]: Focus to remain on sexual behaviours

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Commented [REDACTED]: Suggest this is the third, not second, topic and change to "The consequences of engaging in online sexual behaviours"

Reporting and support

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- Yes
 No

Commented [redacted]: Change to "who/where to tell"

Commented [redacted]: Change to "who to ask/where to look"

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Commented [redacted]: Same as above

Commented [redacted]: Agree

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- Yes
 No

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Commented [redacted]: We're aiming to find out awareness of online reporting, either site's own report button or websites such as Childline, CFP, IWF.

Commented [redacted]: Change to "inappropriate and/or harmful"

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Commented [redacted]: Maybe "where"? And follow-up open question, as q8 and q11?

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Commented [redacted]: Agree, change to "I think" and add "Not sure" option

Thanks and Signposting

Asked the yp about the possibility of asking *Experience of harm online - self and others*. Thought it may be an off-putting question. Could be covered in q3 if people were willing to give examples. If asked, suggested that it could be "Have you been exposed to...."

Commented [redacted]: Not keen - potential trauma if YP has been exposed to harm?

Should be a question about whether the teaching in school is useful or not (similar to last survey).

Commented [redacted]: Agree - perhaps link in with or replace q5

The [Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending involving Children and Young People](#) defined Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) as:

“sexual behaviour(s) expressed by children and young people under the age of 18 years old that are developmentally inappropriate, may be harmful towards self or others and/or be abusive towards another child or young person.”

Producing or sharing of sexual images has been described as behaviour with an ‘internet’, ‘online’, ‘cyber-assisted’, or ‘technology-assisted’ element.

The [NSPCC](#) use and define the term ‘technology assisted harmful sexual behaviour’ (TA-HSB) as:

“One or more children engaging in sexual discussion or acts – using the internet and/or any image-creating/sharing or communication device – which is considered inappropriate and/or harmful given their age or stage of development. This behaviour falls on a continuum of severity from the use of pornography to online child sexual abuse.”

[Hollis, V. and Belton, E. (2017) Children and young people who engage in technology-assisted harmful sexual behaviour; a study of their behaviours, backgrounds and characteristics. London: NSPCC.]

Examples of online harmful sexual behaviour include:

- Sharing sexual images of someone without their consent;
- Sexual images produced under pressure, coercion or blackmail;
- Sexual harassment and bullying through texts, online messaging or social media;
- Accessing illegal/inappropriate sexual material online;
- Downloading and sharing child sexual exploitation/child sexual abuse material;
- Online solicitation and grooming, including inciting or coercing sexual activity.

Useful links

- <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Scotland-Whats-the-Problem.pdf>
- <https://parentinfo.org/article/harmful-sexual-behaviour-in-children-and-young-people-what-parents-need-to-know>
- https://www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk/assets/news_entry_featured_image/NWG-MCF-Parents-Leaflet.pdf
- <https://www.theupstreamproject.org.uk/prevent/children-and-young-people-in-the-online-world>
- <https://www.theupstreamproject.org.uk/learn/what-is-harmful-sexual-behaviour-2>
- <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/briefings/sexting-advice-professionals>

FOI 202100146126 - all correspondence between Scottish Government officials and Young Scot regarding the Harmful Sexual Behaviours Online Survey promoted by Young Scot on social media on 26 January 2021

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 May 2020 11:47
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope this email finds you, your family and colleagues well.

We previously corresponded via email in connection with a survey Young Scot hosted for the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending involving Children and Young People, 'Attitudes to Online Sexual Activities', and publication of the Insight report afterwards.

One of the proposals in the Expert Group's final report states that "The Scottish Government should commission regular surveys of significant samples of children and young people on their concerns and experiences around Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) involving children and young people including their use of internet; and use the feedback to inform policymakers and practitioners to allow improved design of services. The survey questions should be co-designed with children and young people."

Having discussed this with colleagues in the Cyber Resilience Unit this morning and following a funding bid they have approved (please see attached), they've suggested that we contact you to see if you have capacity to repeat a similar exercise on our behalf, and that it be included within the overall grant to the DigiKnow workstream. I believe [REDACTED] has been in discussion with our colleagues in taking this forward.

As they are keen to progress the DigiKnow work as soon as possible, and with apologies for the very tight timescale request, I wonder if you could get back to me today please to discuss this possibility? Happy for you to respond by return email but if you'd rather have a chat, I'm available on my mobile between 2 and 4pm: [REDACT]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 28 May 2020 11:57
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: FW: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well. I'm sending this in [REDACTED]'s absence, and following a discussion I had with [REDACTED] this morning.

We are aware of the tight timescales in getting the DigiKnow work moving again, and we'd very much like the survey proposed to be included within this workstream. I wonder if you would be able to give some guidance on my request, or if you're happy to wait until [REDACTED]'s return next week?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 05 June 2020 10:00
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

[REDACTED] and I have connected about this work and we are happy to look at delivering it.

Perhaps it would be good to find a time for the three of us to discuss it in more detail and come to an agreement on some of the detail.

From my perspective, we need to move quickly on this so it can be included in our grant application for the Digi Know project so perhaps even if we can agree the initial detail and costings, we can then follow up to explore the exact ins and outs of what you are looking for as we move forward? We probably need to get back to [REDACTED] with our application early next week at the latest. Apologies for the short timescale on this.

Happy to share info about costs via email – although this will depend on exactly what you are looking for from the survey – or a call.

Let me know your thoughts and we can make a plan.

Best wishes
[REDACTED]

Please let me know your preference and we can take this forward.

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 June 2020 10:49
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED]

That's great news, thank you.

Grateful if you could share info about costs by email in the first instance, and then we could follow up with a call early next week? Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning before 11am and Tuesday afternoon would suit. We're looking for something similar to the survey [REDACTED] facilitated for the Expert Group (perhaps a few more questions although I know we don't want to make it War and Peace!), along with guidance on the questions that could be asked, potentially including input from young people.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 05 June 2020 10:57
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED] – indeed great news. But you are right, let's have a chat about this on Monday.

We can do any time after 12:00 on Monday, so please let me know what time suits and I'll send through a link for a video conference.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 05 June 2020 12:47
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi all

Thank you for such a quick reply. Unfortunately I can't do Monday – I don't work on Mondays due to childcare and I'm already having to check in for one meeting so can't really squeeze in another. I could do Tuesday – either 10am or 1pm...or even 3pm if that would suit?

[REDACTED], I've had a look at your calendar and these times look ok but please let me know if they are not.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 05 June 2020 14:56
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; <[REDACTED]@gov.scot>;
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] can do 10am as well so that's great. I have attached a spreadsheet which includes various cost options for the survey (and for [REDACTED]'s time). [REDACTED] can discuss this in more detail when we speak.

Regarding any co-design activity to involve young people in the development of the survey, costs around this would very much depend on what the asks is – one co-design session to develop the survey, do you want the young people to review and respond to the results? Essentially this will come down to staff time (Co-design team support), number of pieces of activity etc. Happy to discuss this again on Tuesday and I can amend the application and share this will [REDACTED]and [REDACTED]that day.

Best wishes
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 09 June 2020 14:11
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi all,

Great to catch up with everyone this morning to get a better understanding of our future project.

Please see attached an updated version of our costs. This includes the use of both quantitative and qualitative survey questions and up to two Codesign sessions. Let myself or [REDACTED] know if you have any further questions.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 01 October 2020 08:37
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

I hope this finds you well. Huge apologies for not getting this to you sooner!

We've had a look at various sources of data, including:

- Recent vulnerable children data reports, as provided by local authorities and Police Scotland
- [Recorded Crime statistics for 2019-20](#), published earlier this week
- A recently published [Police Performance report](#)
- NSPCC's recent [How safe are our children 2020 report](#)
- Last year's [Attitudes Towards Online Sexual Activities Survey](#)

It's clear that online sexual crimes involving children and young people continue to rise so this survey cannot come at a better time. There's no way we can ignore the pandemic effects but wonder if it would be possible to have COVID related questions as a separate part of the survey? From looking at the data and particularly the responses to the open questions from last year's survey, these are my initial thoughts on themes for questions:

ONLINE SAFETY

- Feeling safe online
- Aware of risks and dangers when online
- What online sexual behaviours are perceived as harmful by CYP
- Experience of harm online – self and others (understand if this may not be appropriate)

EDUCATION

- Is more education required around:
 - o the topic of the risks and dangers of online sexual behaviours
 - o range of consequences
 - o the law

REPORTING AND SUPPORT

- Where to find more information
- How to report
- Where to find support

EFFECT OF COVID-19

- Time spent online
- Level of harm perceived online – increase/decrease?

This may be too late for the focus group but hopefully there is some kind of crossover or element of similarity, and we're always happy to be guided by you to ensure that the survey does not have the potential to cause distress or trauma to any young person.

Hope to hear from you soon, and we can have another catch-up towards the end of the month.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 October 2020 09:07

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for getting in touch and for sharing this information – it is really helpful and will help us to frame the survey correctly. Not too late – trying to find a date has been a challenge but we have the 15th October in the diary for the Co-design session so will still be able to share this with young people before we launch the survey.

[REDACTED] is on annual leave this week but I'll let her come back when she returns if she has any specific questions about the stats/themes sent across.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: 01 October 2020 09:16
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Thanks [REDACTED] – good to see a date in the calendar, and that things are moving.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 07 October 2020 16:26
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: Young Scot survey as part of DigiKnow

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks a lot for sending on the below, the extra context is useful and we appreciate you outlining the main topic areas of interest. Using these (and the previous survey) as a guide, we will create a draft survey to be shared with the young people for feedback during the Co-design session. Young people will also be encouraged to share their thoughts on the topic in general which will inform the survey content and structure.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you have any further thoughts or queries.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 03 November 2020 15:09
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Apologies!

Sorry all!

Time has beaten us – happy to set up another short call if you want. Otherwise, can we go ahead with what was discussed:

- [REDACTED] to share resources giving examples of HSB
- [REDACTED] to forward feedback and questions
- [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to feed back further.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 03 November 2020 15:12
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: Apologies!

No worries.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] – I think we might need the suggested 2 weeks for feedback to what you are about to send us, please?

I just want to get some advice from our internal comms colleagues on risk management. There is currently such a spotlight on online safety due to CYP spending more time online, so I just need to seek advice on timing of this survey [REDACT]

So basically I'm saying not to rush and to hold off until we get the go-ahead internally on timing.

I'll get back you within the next few weeks.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 03 November 2020 16:05
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: Apologies!

Hi all,

Thank you for a positive and productive meeting this afternoon.

Please see attached working document with commentary from the young people in the Codesign session. The majority of these were addressed in our meeting this afternoon and will be a case of simply re-wording for purpose. The biggest steer from you both will be around which topics are most important (including any that we would like to re-visit from last time). I have highlighted the questions that are "track-able" from the previous survey in blue.

There were also a couple of questions from last time that you may also want to track given our discussion today:

- Where do you prefer to get most of your information about sex from?
- Questions around the legality of nude photo sharing specifically
- Whether there are concerns/issues/problems that boys face more than girls.

Two weeks for feedback is not a problem, completely understand the concern [REDACTED]. We look forward to hearing back from you!

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 November 2020 14:52
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: Apologies!

Hi [REDACTED]

Many thanks for sharing your working document, [REDACTED] and I will aim to get back to you before 20 November with our feedback.

I've attached a document giving a couple of HSB definitions and some examples of online HSB, as well as some useful links. I hope this is helpful but please let me know if you need anything further from me at the moment.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 17 November 2020 10:34
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Apologies!

Hi [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

I hope you're well.

I wanted to let you know that I'm in the process of seeking views from colleagues with an interest in HSB policy on the proposed questions, to check if they have any concern over any potential to cause upset, age-appropriateness (I think that's a word...), and language. I've asked them to respond by next Monday so my current aim is to provide feedback to you a week today, Tuesday 24 November, and hopefully finalise the survey questions soon after. I hope this suits you but please let me know if this could cause you difficulty.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 17 November 2020 15:30
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: Apologies!

Hi [REDACTED],

That's no problem at all, appreciate the heads up and agree that we want to take extra care given the nature of the survey.

Just a little forewarning from our end - the priority for next week will be the launch of the next Lockdown Lowdown report so it may take a little while to implement your feedback. I will ensure to keep you up to speed with progress.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 24 November 2020 15:23
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

I've now received feedback from stakeholders and colleagues with an interest in the HSB policy area, which has greatly helped me.

I've attached a couple of documents:

- Your working document from the co-design session with my comments
- An initial draft, taking on board the working document and feedback from stakeholders/colleagues, plus some comments to consider. This version includes a few more examples and options within questions so I hope it won't prove too onerous, if the suggestions are acceptable.

I know you're busy this week with Lockdown Lowdown v.2 but it would be good to hopefully get the final version agreed over the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 30 November 2020 16:18
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for sending this through and your patience regarding my response!

I have taken on board your feedback and made the relevant survey changes, new draft attached. The survey has now been built in our tool, accessible via this link. Please have a play around and see what you think. There are several logic steps included with the survey so feel free to run through it a few times - all responses will be logged as "tests". The style can also be changed to your liking (including a custom survey header if required).

A couple of points that it would be good to get your steer on before going forward:

- Introductory text
- The demographics - I know we had potentially mentioned collecting data on learning disabilities, is this still the case?
- Signposting links at the end of the survey

Please let me know if you have any further queries, I look forward to your feedback.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 08 December 2020 08:45
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

No problem – like yourselves, we have plenty other things to do alongside this so completely understandable!

Many thanks for sending on this draft. I've added a few comments in the attached doc, mainly on adding a few extra options within questions. I'd wondered about adding in another question from the last survey (What kind of guidance have they given you?) after question 4 but I don't want fatigue to set in with the increased number of questions compared to the last survey so not an issue to leave it out and get a significant number of unfinished surveys.

I've had a look at the survey and I'm very happy with the style, header and reminder of what being online means. As discussed, we would be interested in gathering data on learning disabilities (as well as what's already in the survey) as we are aware there are heightened risks among young people with such disabilities.

With regard to the introductory text, something similar to the previous survey would be helpful although I wonder if it would be useful to include information on the youth-specific proposals of the Expert Group? For your information, the SYP prepared an information sheet for children and young people when the Expert Group's report was published, highlighting the two youth specific proposals including the one which led to this survey - "The Scottish Government should commission regular surveys of significant samples of children and young people on their concerns and experiences around Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) involving children and young people including their use of internet..."

However, happy to be guided by you if you feel a longer intro could put folk off!

With regard to signposting, I've also attached a list of useful links for advice/support and reporting. The closing comments on the last survey are also fine but I wonder if it would also be helpful to add the following (as well as general signposting): "If taking part in this survey has caused you upset or uncertainty, speak to your parent, carer, teacher or another trusted adult for support and advice."

Hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 09 December 2020 09:56
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Good morning all,

Thank you for reviewing the draft and appreciate the responses to our queries. This is all helpful in shaping a final survey draft, we're getting there!

We have been having some internal discussions in terms of delivery. As previously discussed, this time of year can be a little unpredictable in terms of survey response rate. This year in particular has been difficult to predict, as I'm sure you can imagine!

We are proposing that the final survey draft be completed and signed off on this side of the new year, with a launch in January. This would also give more capacity within our comms and content teams for survey promotion. Given previous discussions, I'm conscious that we wanted to have something solid by January, so hopefully this plan is in line with yours.

If you would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 09 December 2020 12:35
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

We're definitely getting there, great to see!

I completely understand your concerns around delivery, particularly with all the work you've been doing recently around the second lockdown/pandemic report, which we're very much looking forward to seeing. If we can get the final survey agreed before the end of the year and a planned publication date in January, I'm content to delay the launch for a short period. I've been in touch with our Comms and they don't foresee any issues with survey content but they were grateful to see what's planned.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 21 December 2020 14:20
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED], hope you're winding down okay for the Christmas break!

Once again, thank you for your flexibility around the launch, it is appreciated.

I have made some alterations to the survey based on the latest feedback (online here and Word doc attached). I agree with you on the survey fatigue in terms of the extra question so would recommend not including for now if that's okay.

The changes are:

- Introductory text (thank you for directing me to the information sheet, I've included it as a link).
- Altered some of the choices for the question around online behaviours and added some definitions. Please let us know if these are appropriate.
- This question has also been "randomised" - each respondent will see these options in a different order.
- Added the positive option to the question around education.
- Signposting links and extra text

I also just wanted to check, in terms of the learning disabilities, did we want to offer a list of options or simply a Yes/No to having a learning disability?

I'm excited to get this show on the road next year! I'm around today and tomorrow before the Christmas break so if you have any queries just give me a shout.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2020 08:53
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well – and what is this ‘winding down’ thing you speak of?? In all honesty, some things are getting a wee bit quieter but not twiddling our fingers yet.

The survey questions are looking good and I’ve no more amendments to suggest on them. I’m also really excited to get this off the ground soon!

However, I followed your link again and just have a few comments on the online survey:

- Introduction - as the Expert Group is no longer, can I suggest the following amendment for the second and third sentences: *This is part of ongoing work following publication of the report of the Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children and Young People, and follows on from some research we conducted in early 2019. If you would like to learn more about this group and their proposals that the Scottish Government is taking forward, you can click on this link.*
- Can I suggest that the following phrase is narrated at the top of each page of the survey questions, as it’s currently not at the top of the page containing questions 3/4/5 (see next bullet) - *When the survey refers to being "online", this means when browsing the internet or on social media.*
- The top of the page containing questions 3/4/5 currently has the following phrase at the top, I’d suggest this should only be part of question 4, as per the survey questions document (definitions are fine) - *“Inappropriate sexual material online” refers to material such as pictures or videos of nudity and sexual behaviour (pornography), sexual content in adverts or games or sexual chat/messaging. / “Illegal sexual material online” refers to material such as sexual images of anyone under the age of 18 or extreme pornography.*

In terms of learning disabilities, I think it’d be useful to have a list but it’s not my area of specialty – have you used such a list before? Off the top of my head I can think of autism and Asperger’s syndrome, cerebral palsy, Down’s syndrome – would this be appropriate, along with Other and allow comment? However, if it’s going to be too much hassle, I don’t want to delay it any further so a simple Yes/No will suffice.

I’m in today and tomorrow, so happy to chat if you wish. Otherwise, I hope you and your family have a safe, restful and happy Christmas!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 22 December 2020 10:01
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for the speedy feedback! I've made the changes outlined below to the survey.

In terms of the disability question, we tend to ask the two that are outlined in the Government Statistical Service guidance rather than a list to choose from:

- Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?
- If yes to the above: Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry-out day-to-day activities?

Let us know if you think they would suffice. If you prefer a list of options I think it would be best to ask a learning disability organisation to look over and see if it is appropriately worded. I have a number of relevant network peers that I could ask, although it is doubtful we would get a reply this side of the new year.

Thanks again,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 23 December 2020 08:47
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for updating – survey is looking great and the two disability questions you've suggested are perfect. Good to go!

Just let me know what the go-live plans are once you've got them arranged.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 11 January 2021 12:30
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Happy New Year and I hope the transition back to working has been kind to you!

Thank you for the feedback. I have discussed internally and we have come up with a launch date of 26th January, how does this work from your end?

Can I also just check, I believe we had discussed an age limit on this survey of 18. Is this still the case? I just want to make sure that internal teams are briefed correctly and we can tailor our promotional strategy accordingly.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 12 January 2021 08:26
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Happy New Year to you too, I hope you had a good break.

I'm happy to go with your suggested launch date, very much looking forward to it! I'll update our Comms team this week. And yes, an age limit of 18 as discussed.

Do you have a final copy of the survey questions, plus intro and thanks/signposting, that you could share please, for our records?

Any issues, you know where to find me.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 12 January 2021 09:13
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

That's great news! I have passed on your confirmation to the Comms team and will also discuss with our Content and Membership teams ahead of launch.

Please see the attached pdf. Let me know if I can be of any further help at this stage.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 12 January 2021 14:31
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot

Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies - I have just realised that the pdf I sent on does not include the introductory text. Please see attached new version.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 13 January 2021 08:13
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks so much for forwarding this on.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 20 January 2021 13:14
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

I was just reviewing survey timelines and was wondering how long you would like the survey to be live for/when would be preferable to receive the results?

We usually recommend that surveys are live for 4-6 weeks to gain a good response rate. Analysis and reporting will then take a further two weeks. Below demonstrates two timeline scenarios based on these estimates.

Scenario 1 (Week Ending)	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar
Live								
Analysis/Reporting								
Scenario 2 (Week Ending)	29-Jan	05-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar
Live								
Analysis/Reporting								

We can also take a more flexible approach by keeping an eye on the response rate and making a call as to whether the survey live time could be extended.

Have a think over and let me know, I'm also happy to have a call to discuss if preferred.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 21 January 2021 08:19
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: HSB survey - timelines

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm taking this out of the usual chain as it gets caught in our email quarantine system and I get your emails a day after you send them!

Thanks for highlighting the timeline options. FYI, the last day of parliamentary business before purdah kicks in is 25 March and I'm aware that the longer timeline is close to that. I'm not keen on delaying publication so I wonder if I could catch you for a quick Teams call to discuss reporting and publication? I'm available up to 2pm today and between 10.30 and 11.30 tomorrow.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 21 January 2021 12:09
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: HSB survey - timelines

Hi [REDACTED],

Apologies for the delayed response - I feel like this week everyone has woken up after the holidays, chockfull of meetings!

Happy to meet tomorrow, does 11-11.30 work for you?

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 January 2021 12:15
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB survey - timelines

Hi [REDACTED]

I agree – I caught up on so much reading and email tidying in between Christmas and New Year!! It's all fallen by the wayside this week...

11-11.30 is fine, I'll send an invite right now.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 21 January 2021 12:19
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: HSB survey - timelines

Great, speak to you then!

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 25 January 2021 09:09
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

We discussed this separately, and agreed to go with scenario 2.

And although the analysis and reporting stage is close to the start of the purdah period, ahead of the May election, we still plan to publish the analysis on your website before 25 March, the final day of business for the Scottish Parliament.

I'm very much looking forward to the survey going live this week!

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 25 January 2021 09:31
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Fantastic, thanks for confirming. I will update you when the survey is live and forward on a link for you to share with your networks.

In the meantime, please get in touch if you have any questions!

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 25 January 2021 13:57
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Just a quick question from me - our comms team are wondering if it is ok to tag just @scotgov in our Tweets for launch or do you have any other organisations/groups you'd like tagged?

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 26 January 2021 08:24
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner – email caught in our quarantine again...!

Yes, just @scotgov – I can arrange re-tweets or quote tweets through our GIRFEC feed too.

Yes

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 26 January 2021 11:48
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED],

The survey is now live! Here is our launch Tweet and link to the survey itself.

As mentioned, we will keep an eye on response rates and update you progress.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2021 08:48
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB online survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for confirming the survey launch. We picked up the Tweet and it's been re-tweeted through the GIRFEC and ScotGovEdu accounts.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot

Sent: 27 January 2021 09:19

To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot

Subject: HSB Survey

Importance: High

Good morning all,

It has been brought to our attention that we are having some negative responses to 11 year olds being asked some of the survey questions:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We did anticipate that there may be some issues in this regard. As the survey was only launched yesterday, we are able to make some changes if required that will not majorly impact the survey results:

- Move the age question upfront so that it can inform logic
- Identify questions that may not be suitable
- Using logic, divert age groups to different questions

If you have any alternative suggestions please let me know. Happy to jump on a call if needed.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Sent: 27 January 2021 09:30

To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot

Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot

Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED]

I'd picked this up a wee while ago and was going to contact you.

Can I suggest the following:

- Change the age range to 12-18
- Q4 – either remove or reduce the options to:
 - o Sharing sexual images of yourself
 - o Sharing sexual images of someone without their consent
 - o Sexual images produced under pressure or blackmail
 - o Sexual harassment or bullying
 - o Accessing inappropriate sexual material online – could also be removed
 - o Accessing illegal sexual material online - could also be removed
 - o Other – please specify

Happy to discuss if necessary.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 10:03
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your response. I have made the recommended changes (also removing the final two options for question 4, just to be on the safe side). We will change all reference to 11 year olds and have shifted the age range to reflect that.

We will keep an eye on things at our end and flag if there are any further issues.

To be on the safe side, I will remove any responses from 11 year olds that we have currently received. The report will also not include responses for any of the altered/deleted questions.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 10:24
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for making those changes so quickly [REDACTED]

Just keep me posted if there are any more issues, although I'm glad to see there are more likes/retweets than negative comments/quote tweets! Is there any way to edit the launch tweet or add a reply to highlight that it's for 12-18 yos?

Any correspondence to SG on this should come straight to me – I'll let you know if I get anything and the detail of my response.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 10:33
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED],

No problem. We have reviewed internally and on the guidance of [REDACTED] we are going to leave as is for now as the chain has gone quiet and altering may invite further comment.

We are happy to post a Tweet out later today with an updated age group and reiteration of the objective of this work. Drafted so far:

@ScotGov is interested in learning more about young people's knowledge of & opinions about sexual behaviours occurring online. It's part of ongoing work following the report of Expert Group on Preventing Sexual Offending Involving Children & Young People.
<https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90296713/Harmful-Sexual-Behaviours-Online>

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 10:40
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update.

I'm happy to leave the social media as it is just now then – no wish to court further controversy

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 14:34
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB Survey
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

We are still noticing some traffic around the survey, with some people noticing that we have altered it.

Are there any statements from SG that you would like us to use in response?

I'm free until 4pm today if a call is needed.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 15:01

To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED]

I've had a chat with a Comms colleague and she's advising to let sleeping dogs lie at the moment. She suggests that any response may just inflame matters further, which I agree with, and we're clear that, unfortunately, those commenting negatively are totally missing the point of what this survey is about.

As I said earlier, any correspondence received on this will come to me to provide a response and Comms are confident that they're adequately prepared to rebut any concerns.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 15:26
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: Re: HSB Survey

Thanks [REDACTED], that's much appreciated. We will not produce a response from our end at this stage.

Agreed that the point is unfortunately being missed, hopefully will blow over soon.

Thanks again,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Sent: 27 January 2021 15:28
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@young.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Thanks [REDACTED], fingers crossed.

From: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Sent: 28 January 2021 12:01
To: [REDACTED]@gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: Re: HSB Survey
Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] and I were wondering if you were available for a call this afternoon? Someone has been in touch with us directly about the survey and we just want to chat over our

potential response. Marked this email as high importance to avoid getting caught in the filter again!

Between 2 and 3pm or 4 and 5pm works best at our end.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2021 13:53
To: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Cc: [REDACTED]@young.scot
Subject: RE: HSB Survey

Hi [REDACTED]

We've had an FOI in too so I'm catching up with colleagues around 3. Would 4pm suit you?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Young Scot survey 2020 - signposting suggestions

Advice and support

[Young Scot](#) – That's not OK: advice and support on relationships

[Childline](#) - Friends, relationships & sex: advice if you're having problems with relationships

[Thinkuknow](#) - Education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children and young people both online and offline

[Brook](#) – Sexual health and wellbeing guide for young people

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - Games, quizzes, films and advice to help you get the most out of the internet while staying safe online

Reporting

[Childline](#) – Report a nude image online

[CEOP](#) – Report online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online