

5. In October 2019, the NCA conducted research on the availability of CSAM through the mainstream search engines of industry organisations that gave evidence. The NCA identified that CSAM, including known indecent images of children, can be directly located using search engines within three clicks, utilising search terminology often used by individuals with a sexual interest in children. Inputting these unsophisticated search terms has identified Category A, B and C indecent images of children. CSAM was also identified when utilising the 'Image Search' function on these search engines. The NCA has provided these search terms to the relevant industry organisations and also to the Internet Watch Foundation under Section 7 (4) of the Crime and Courts 2013, for the purposes of the prevention and detection of crime.

**Statement made on behalf of the Director General of the National Crime Agency by Robert Jones Director Threat Leadership National Crime Agency, in the matter of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse - Internet Investigation.**

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