



THE INTERNET INVESTIGATION

An inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and exploitation facilitated by the internet

Update Note

1. The Inquiry is today publishing a notice inviting applications for Core Participant status in the next phase of the Internet investigation.
2. The scope of the Internet investigation has been published on the Inquiry's website.¹
3. The first phase of the Internet investigation focused on the response of law enforcement agencies to child sexual abuse facilitated by the internet (paragraph 2.4 of the published scope of the investigation). A public hearing in that phase was held from 22 to 26 January 2018.
4. The next phase of the Internet investigation will focus on the response of the internet industry to child sexual abuse facilitated by the internet (paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of the published scope of the investigation). This phase will investigate the adequacy of:
 - i. government policy relevant to the protection of children from sexual abuse facilitated by the internet;
 - ii. the relevant statutory and regulatory framework applicable to internet service providers, providers of online platforms, and other relevant software companies;
 - iii. the response of internet service providers, providers of online platforms, and other relevant software companies to child sexual abuse facilitated by the internet;
5. The current invitation for applications for Core Participant status relates to the phase described above. For the purpose of determining Core Participant applications at this stage, the matters to which the inquiry relates are those which are summarised in paragraph 4 above.
6. A preliminary hearing in relation to this next phase of the investigation will take place on 1 November 2018.

¹ <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/investigations/child-sexual-abuse-facilitated-by-the-internet?tab=scope>



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7. The deadline for applications for Core Participant status in this phase of the investigation is 4pm on 1 October 2018.

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